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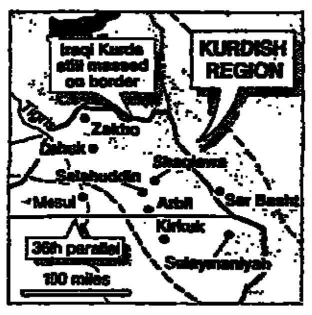

confirmation of his claims, nor of later reports that further fighting had broken out as Iraqi troops supported by six helicopters and tanks tried to advance from Zakho to Batofa near the Turkish border.

The front said Saddam was trying to seize as much territory in Kurdistan as he could, in case Britain's safe havens proposal was accepted. Iraqi newspapers yesterday repeated their determination to resist "with all means" any attempt to set up sanctuaries for the Kurds.

The Iraqi attacks on the rebels came on the day the formal Gulf ceasefire was due to come into effect and within hours of the White House's announcement that it had warned Saddam to keep his forces out of the area. Marlin Fitzwater, President Bush's spokesman, said that the order was issued to protect allied relief workers, but it carried a clear implication that America was prepared to use force against Iraq if it was ignored.

Kurdish groups yesterday renewed their call for armed foreign intervention to save the lives of Iraqi civilians, saying: "This savage attack confirms that Saddam ignores all international humanitarian calls to stop the repression and killing of Kurds."

In his report, Jim Muir said that the Kurdish guerrillas had been elated by their success against government troops. "Two tanks, one burning and one disabled, and an abandoned personnel carrier were scattered along the main road. The bodies of 12 Iraqi soldiers lay sprawled in the sun." A Shia soldier had told him his officer had beaten him, forced him into his tank and ordered him to fight.

The BBC reporter said that the offensive had given more urgency to the flight of Kurdish refugees who are flooding to the Turkish and Iranian borders. Iran has already admitted 900,000 refugees, and Tehran complained yesterday that the world was ignoring the country's difficulties in coping while aid has been directed at Turkey. But some aid groups said that Iran's bureaucratic procedures had blocked relief efforts.

Difficulties were also reported in getting help to the refugees on the Turkish border, and America and Britain yesterday launched a helicopter shuttle to try to get supplies to inaccessible camps in the mountains. America is also preparing to send thousands of troops and support staff to the area to organise emergency aid until the United Nations mounts a full-scale operation. Meanwhile, the West is pressing Ankara to allow the refugees to come down into Turkey from the freezing mountain camps.

The medical relief organisation, Médecins Sans Frontières, said yesterday that the refugees needed at least 700 tons of food a day. It called on governments to provide big helicopters to get help to those in remote areas, and the UN appealed for $500 million for emergency aid.

Relief workers said that several hundred refugees, and possibly a thousand, a day were dying. Tehran radio quoted refugees arriving in Baneh as saying that 280 people had died in a blizzard and rainstorm on Wednesday night. At least twenty others had drowned trying to cross the swollen Chuman river.

Roger Vivarie, who is coordinating operations in Tehran for Médecins Sans Frontières, said people were dying of cold, hunger and exhaustion. They were also falling victim to mines laid during the Iran-Iraq war. "Our doctors have performed 20 amputations on people, many of them children, who stepped on mines," he said.

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Victim of the war: a Kurdish refugee child waits patiently in the queue for food at a camp near Sirnak on the border of Turkey and Iraq

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Bush plays down safe haven dispute

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday sought publicly to play down differences between America and Europe on how to protect the Kurds in northern Iraq, claiming that the two were "in lockstep". But White House officials indicated that there were still "sticky points" *outstanding*, and that Washington was "less bellicose" than Britain.

London and Washington are, as Downing Street put it, in "full agreement" on the need for a safe haven for Kurds in northern Iraq. However, differences persist on the vital, practical issue of how to respond if President Saddam Hussein ignores Washington's order to cease all military activities north of the 36th parallel. Yesterday, reports from Iraq, which the Pentagon said it could not substantiate, suggested Saddam was doing just that.

The Downing Street statement, issued after John Major's 20-minute conversation with President Bush on Wednesday night, said the US and Britain would draft contingency plans for renewing military action with UN authority if Baghdad violated the order. The equivalent White House statement made no reference to any contingency plans, speaking only of the need to "continue consultations at the UN". Marlin Fitzwater, Mr Bush's press secretary, refused to discuss what the American response would be.

A White House official said Washington be willing to go back to the UN to discuss further action but acknowl-

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Built-in car radio to beat thieves

Three days before Crime Prevention Week, Kevin Eason reports on a new thief-proof device for hard-pressed motorists

The casual thief tempted to smash a way into a car to steal the radio from the dashboard may in future need either an electronics degree or immense patience to carry out his crime.

Electronics companies say that car sound systems within the next two years will not be the conventional box of buttons and switches, which is such an attractive target for theft and part of the reason for the huge rise in car crime in Britain.

Instead, the sound system will be controlled by the car's own micro-computers feeding a control panel sited on the dashboard. When the panel is prised off by the thief, there will be nothing there to steal.

Instead, the sound processing and control will be done by the same microchips which control other mechanisms in the car, such as electronic fuel injection and anti-lock brakes.

Philips, Europe's biggest car audio company supplying £150 million worth of equipment annually, says it is already designing the advanced systems and negotiating with multi-national car makers.

The main reason for the urgency is the huge rise in car crime, much of it aimed at increasingly sophisticated car stereo systems which can cost up to £4,000 in the most expensive models.

Car manufacturers are likely to be heavily criticised on Monday for their poor record on car security by Kenneth Baker, the Home

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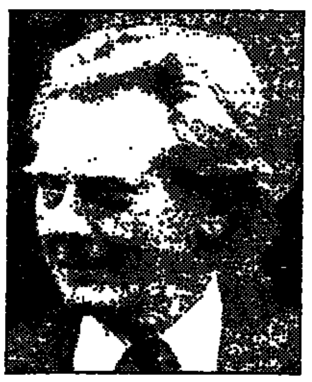
Hope of breakthrough to end poll tax stigma

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government was last night on the verge of a breakthrough in its efforts to draw up a new local tax which will lay the ghost of the community charge. A property tax based on two people living in a house, but with a substantial reduction in the bill for single-person households only, was emerging as the favoured Cabinet option.

After a Cabinet committee meeting at Downing Street significant progress was reported to have been made. Michael Heseltine's orginal plans for a people and property tax, disclosed in *The Times* on Wednesday, appear likely to be modified in a way that will help the government rebut the accusation that it is retaining the poll tax in all but name in its new tax.

The environment secretary's original plans, which had been partly influenced by what he saw as a the need to satisfy the community charge lobby within the Tory party, envisaged not only a discount to the average tax for single-person households, but a supplement for three-person households. That element has led to the allegation that the government was keeping a poll tax.



Heseltine: leaving the Cabinet meeting yesterday

But Mr Heseltine has been backed by senior members of the poll tax committee and the Treasury in his desire to remove remnants of the discredited community charge system. Under plans that will be considered again by the Cabinet committee next Tuesday, before what is expected to be a decisive meeting of the full Cabinet next Thursday, a centrally fixed part of the property tax bill would be deemed to be a personal element. It would be paid if two or more adults lived in the property. But that fixed sum would be deducted from the bill if there was only one person resident.

It is understood that the supplements proposal will survive as an option in the consultation paper to be published after the Cabinet has reached its decision. However, ministers fully expect it to be rejected in that exercise.

The government is hoping that a firm announcement on the replacement for the poll tax will boost its local election campaign, which has been hampered by its inability to unveil an alternative. The Tory disarray has lifted Labour spirits. After a full-day strategy meeting of the shadow cabinet yesterday, Neil Kinnock again challenged the prime minister to call a June election.

The Labour leader said that the Tory weaknesses were embedded in everything they did. "Their divisions and backbiting, along with their indecision and expendiency is now built into their behaviour." The Tory party was fractured with a dispirited leadership that had lost its way. The government's approach to the "poll tax pantomime" seemed to be "a riddle wrapped in a muddle wrapped in a botch".

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RUC to pay Sinn Fein

THE RUC was ordered yesterday to pay £5,000 damages to Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, after a raid by anti-racketeering police on the organisation's offices.

Mr Justice Campbell ruled in the Northern Ireland High Court that the police had no authority to seize or retain documents and other property from the offices, in the Falls Road, Belfast. Search warrants permitted the police to enter only an art shop and Green Cross charity offices in the same building. The judge also ordered the RUC to pay Sinn Fein's legal costs, estimated at several thousand pounds.

The raid, last October, was part of an operation in which police raided 65 premises. Alex Maskey, a Sinn Fein councillor in Belfast, brought the action claiming damages for alleged trespass and unlawful seizure of property.

140 dead in ferry inferno

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A YOUNG cabin attendant was the only survivor from the fire on board a ferry outside the Italian port of Livorno in which about 140 people were killed.

The tanker was still burning last night as fire-fighting crews tried to put out the flames. The disaster, one of the worst in Italian history, happened on Wednesday night when the Moby Prince caught fire after ramming a tanker outside the port.

The ship was between two and three miles out when it hit the Agip Abruzzo, which was at anchor. Most of the tanker's 28 crew were believed to have been rescued unhurt. Alessio Bertrand, aged 24, managed to survive by clinging on to a rail for two hours before coastguards rescued him.

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Radio station fined for giving the Gulf news

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

Mr Akhtar yesterday: "We gave accurate information"

BRADFORD City Radio, the 24-hour Asian and Afro-Caribbean station, has been fined £2,500 by the Radio Authority for replacing Afro-Caribbean music throughout January with Gulf war news bulletins aimed at counteracting "pro-Saddam propaganda" on four Muslim pirate radio stations.

The pirate stations, in Bradford and Leeds, had been advocating a *jihad* (holy war) against British and American "imperialist targets", and Bradford City Radio said it felt compelled to ensure that the 115,000-strong Muslim community in West Yorkshire did not follow the pirates' instructions.

Pervez Akhtar, the station's chief executive, said that some pirate stations were repeating messages from Radio Baghdad and trying to incite British Muslims to civil disorder each night between midnight and 4am, when the Afro-Caribbean programme is broadcast. "It got to a point where we had to do something," he said.

Many listeners were unaware that the pirate stations — Asian Air, Asian Paradise Radio, Eastern Community Radio and Apniawaaz (Our Own Voice) — are illegal, he said. Listeners have often become confused, complaining to Bradford City Radio about what they have heard on pirate stations.

"Someone had to provide accurate, information with an establishment point of view," he said. "We wanted to protect the good name of Muslims, by doing our best to ensure that no overzealous Muslim did anything silly. It could have been dangerous."

Sunrise Radio, the 24-hour Asian station which owns 15 per cent of Bradford City Radio, complained to the trade and industry department, which tracks down pirate stations. The DTI's radio communication agency said Sunrise's complaints had been passed to West Yorkshire police. On Thursday Eastern Community Radio was closed down. Asian Paradise Radio has not been caught, and the DTI has no record of Asian Air or Apniawaaz.

Bradford City Radio, the first independent to be fined by the Radio Authority for breach of promise of performance, said it had not meant to offend its Afro-Caribbean audience. The producer of the show cancelled his programme independently.

"I can't say what impact we had, but I believe we were instrumental in allaying Muslim fears about the war by providing accurate information rather than inflaming passions," Mr Akhtar said.

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The twin angry men behind outburst against Major

Harris: "Confidence has been severely strained"

Mary Ann Sieghart traces the work of the right-wing Bruges group and how it has embarrassed Thatcher

"UNDER John Major's leadership, Britain now runs the risk of selling itself short," trumpeted yesterday's Bruges Group press release. "Poppycock," was the retort of Lord Harris of High Cross, chairman of the group. An embarrassed Margaret Thatcher, the group's honorary president, was forced to say: "I had no knowledge of the statement issued by the Bruges Group and I thoroughly disagree with it."

How did the group get into such a mess? Can it extricate itself with any credibility intact? Will yesterday's sorry episode change the balance inside the Conservative party over Europe, an argument that has recently lain dormant but which still has the latent power to blow the party apart?

The statement was the work of two angry men: Patrick Robertson, aged 22, the secretary of the group, and Alan Sked, a senior lecturer at the London School of Economics, who sits on the group's academic advisory council, with such academics as Patrick Minford of Liverpool university and Norman Stone, professor of modern history at Oxford. Lord Harris's theory is that the statement was concocted after an evening's celebration of Mr Robertson's return from holiday in India. Certainly, it had no official sanction, and members of the group — mainly MPs and academics — were furiously trying to distance themselves from it.

The press release was typical of the sort of language used in private by men on the abrasive right wing of Tory politics. An almost competitive aggression often pervades their gatherings; he who dares to make the most offensive, the most shockingly abusive statement wins the highest plaudits. "There's a certain roughness about these Tebbit-style radicals," John Biffen says.

Indeed, once Mrs Thatcher became honorary president, Lord Harris warned Mr Robertson that he would now have to be restrained in order not to embarrass her. Mr Robertson assured his chairman that he understood the sensitivity of his position. That makes yesterday's outburst all the more regrettable in Lord Harris's eyes. Lord Harris admits that the group, which has a £100,000-a-year budget, operates in an ad hoc manner. "We have never operated with a chief executive or board of directors," he said. "Normally a press release is linked with a publication and Mr Robertson produces a few paragraphs for the press. I had no knowledge of this statement and neither did several other members of the council."

Mr Sked will almost certainly have to leave the council. But what about Mr Robertson? He, after all, founded the group, while still an Oxford undergraduate. "He created the Bruges Group, and now, if he's not careful, he will destroy it," Lord Harris said yesterday. "The only conceivable hope is that he displays sufficient contrition about this to restore confidence, which has been severely strained."

The group takes its name from Bruges in Belgium, where Mrs Thatcher in 1988 made a forthright speech opposing political union and called for the retention of separate national identities. It claims to have a membership of 1,300. Among its members are Conservative MPs. Financial support has come from patrons such as Lord White of the Hanson Trust, Sir James Goldsmith, and Rocco Forte, the chief executive of TrustHouse Forte.

Although the group is not technically Conservative — Lord Harris is a crossbencher — it has argued so forcefully for a free-market, liberal-economic approach to Europe that its attempts to woo Eurosceptics from the Labour party have been unsuccessful.

Moreover, since the debate about Britain's future in Europe rages most fiercely among the Tories, the Bruges Group has been seen as the representative voice of those Tory MPs who oppose any move towards federalism.

Yesterday's contretemps is likely to push it out on to the fringes of British politics, leaving the arguments to be made by individuals from the Commons benches. To that extent, the anti-federalists will have to work harder to make their voices heard.

Mr Robertson, meanwhile, may rue the day he decided to abandon his Oxford degree. He is no longer assured of the starry career in politics he had confidently assumed was his right.

Boarding down by 10% but total of private pupils rises

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

BOARDING became progressively less popular throughout the 1980s, even as the number of pupils at independent schools rose, the education department reported yesterday.

The decline has been reflected in a record number of closures of private schools in the past year. A survey by the Independent Schools Information Schools (Isis) to be published later this month, is expected to show the recession hitting boarding and girls' schools particularly hard.

A statistical bulletin published by the ministry showed that the number of boarders fell by almost 10 per cent between 1984 and 1990, while total pupil numbers rose by more than 8 per cent. Although the number of girls boarding declined by only 1,000, there were almost 10,000 fewer boys.

Boarding schools are to launch a national promotion in the autumn to try to reverse the decline. An Isis spokesman said yesterday: "We will be doing this partly because no one knows why numbers have been falling, or whether this is irreversible. Boarding has not been very good at promoting itself in recent years. It has been dogged by rather out-of-date notions of what it is like."

Boarding has suffered from a combination of social and economic factors. It had already become less fashionable when a reduction in school fee allowances for the armed services and the effects of the recession on other traditional clients ensured that numbers would fall further.

The demand for day places provided more than adequate compensation during the 1980s, yesterday's statistics show. Total numbers at independent schools rose each year between 1984 and 1990.

In southeast England, more than one pupil in every 10 was at an independent school from 1987 onwards. The lowest proportion was in South Yorkshire, where only 1.5 per cent of pupils were educated privately by the end of the decade, when the national average was 7.4 per cent.

National growth in the private sector was evident in all age groups. The total of pupils under five years old rose from 30,000 to 43,000 in the six years of the survey. The number over the school-leaving age increased from 66,000 to 76,000 over the same period.

The increase in pupil numbers also masked a consistent pattern of school closures. There were 75 fewer independent school by the end of the decade than in 1983.

Large boys' schools taking in girls were partly responsible for a squeeze at the smaller-school end of the market. The proportion of schools with 200 or more pupils rose from 34 to 39 per cent over the period of the survey. At the same time, the proportion of single-sex schools declined from 47 per cent to 38 per cent.

Although boys still took the majority of places in independent schools, by the end of the decade girls represented 47 per cent of the schools' population.

In spite of the rising number of pupils, class sizes fell slightly during the six-year period. By 1990, there were more than 50,000 full-time equivalent teachers in independent schools, one to every 10.9 pupils.

	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Total							
Total pupils ('000)	515.1	516.2	519.3	531.0	540.1	551.0	558.7
Boys	278.2	278.6	279.3	284.4	287.8	292.7	296.2
Girls	236.9	237.6	240.0	246.6	252.4	258.2	262.6
Boarders ('000)	118.8	117.1	116.6	115.5	113.6	111.9	108.5
Boys	77.1	75.5	74.9	73.5	71.4	70.5	67.8
Girls	41.7	41.6	41.7	42.0	42.2	41.4	40.7
% boarding	23.1	22.7	22.6	21.8	21.0	20.3	19.4

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Gulf advance: Dr Alan Guy, of the National Army Museum, in Chelsea, making light work of a model dressed as an Iraqi soldier for a special Gulf War display

Buoyant Greens gather at seaside

By PETER DAVENPORT

A SIGN on the Spa Hall overlooking the seafront declared that "Bridlington welcomes the Greens", and, inside, the conference venue was draped in floral curtains beneath a moulded ceiling in the party colour.

Staff at the hall pointed out that the decorations had not been designed with the Green party conference in mind — it was, after all, nine years since their last visit — but it did provide an appropriate backdrop. The party's spring conference opened yesterday, three weeks before the local council elections on May 2.

Despite the admitted problems of organisation, finance and a dramatic slump in opinion poll ratings that have led some to write off the party as a spent force, the Greens yesterday were in determinedly buoyant and expansive mood.

At an opening press conference, Jean Lambert, the party's honorary representative in the Green group at the European Parliament, was anxious to take a swipe at those ready to bury the party.

The task now was to alter public perception of the Greens from being a party concerned solely with the environment to one with something of merit to say about the economy, international affairs and local government.

About 500 Greens are expected at the conference, which lasts until Sunday. The task the party faces is fighting the local elections. It will field about 1,300 candidates, contesting seats in some 236 councils.

Gould dismisses savings claim by voting out Labour as ridiculous

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

VOTING a Labour councillor out of office in the May municipal elections may be a lot less financially rewarding than the Conservative party would have voters believe.

A Conservative party political broadcast screened on Wednesday night, backed by earlier figures from Chris Patten, the party chairman, claimed that poll tax payers could save more than £200,000 a time by simply replacing a Labour councillor with a Tory.

Bryan Gould, Labour's environment spokesman, yesterday challenged Mr Patten to submit his figures to independent audit and attacked the Conservative exercise as "ridiculous" and a "con".

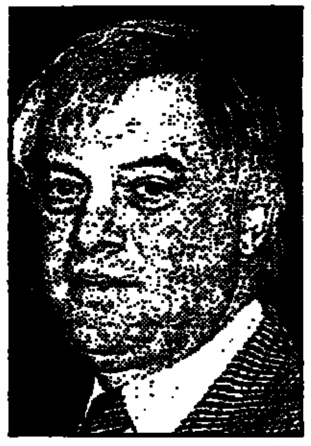
Mr Patten said that Labour councillors were individually responsible for spending £201,460 a head more than their Conservative counterparts. Conservative central office produced the figure by adding up the expenditure of shire and metropolitan districts controlled by Labour and dividing the total by the number of Labour councillors on those bodies.

The same exercise was carried out for Tory-controlled councils and the resulting average figures were compared with government spending targets for each group of councils. The result, according to Mr Patten, was that while each Conservative councillor was personally responsible for spending an average £54,882 below target, the average Labour member was overspending by £146,578.

"The difference is £201,460," said Mr Patten. "That is the price of electing a Labour councillor in place of a Conservative, £201,460 a time. So for every five Conservative councillors you elect in place of Labour that's an average saving of over £1 million."

Mr Gould said yesterday that the Tory figures took no account of the fact that Labour councillors in the big cities were responsible for more electors than their counterparts in the Tory shires. "If a Labour councillor represents a ward with five schools and a Tory a ward with one school it is obvious that the the Labour councillor will be responsible for five times as many teachers' salaries," he said.

Labour controls most of the inner cities, where the cost of providing local services is high, a fact the government itself has recognised by focusing grant on those areas. Metropolitan district councils also spend more because they provide expensive services such as education and social services, which their Tory shire counterparts do not.



Patten: challenged by Labour over figures

Ian Wilton, the research officer at Conservative central office who produced the figures, said he had attempted to balance the equation by adding Tory county council spending, which includes education, to his party's side. By comparing actual spending to government targets his figures provided an objective and unbiased picture of the relative spending levels of the two parties, he said.

Whatever the merits of the methodology the simple fact is that because the £200,000 figure is an average variation from a notional target there is no prospect that the removal of a single Labour councillor will save any money. Indeed adopting the Conservatives' own formula it is possible to argue that removing Labour councillors could push up the poll tax.

In Slough, Berkshire, each of the 28 members of the ruling Labour group is responsible for underspending government targets by £262,147 a head, a saving ten times greater than that claimed by Mr Patten for Tory councillors. in York, where the council is spending £550,000 above its target, each of the 31 Labour councillors is responsible for a £17,677 overspend, less than a tenth of Mr Patten's national average.

"Removing one of our Labour councillors will not save anyone anything," a council spokesman said. "They have 31 out of the 45 seats and defeating one or two will not make any difference to their policies."

Councils to collect low poll taxes

ALL councils must collect the poll tax even if the amount was almost outweighed by the cost of collection, the environment department said yesterday.

Some local authorities questioned whether it would be economic to collect small sums after Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, announced a £140 cut in all poll tax bills in his Budget speech last month.

Only Conservative-controlled Wandsworth, which had its £136 poll tax effectively wiped out by the Budget cut, is exempt from the department's ruling. Tory Westminster, where the poll tax fell from £176 to £36, said it would send out new bills after "streamlining" its poll tax collection process.

The council had claimed that it would cost £42 a head to collect the tax, but Lady Porter, the council's leader, said yesterday that it would now make economic sense to collect the tax. A spokesman refused to say what the new collection cost would be or what streamlining measures had been taken.

Council	Party	1990/91	1991/91 set by council	1991/92 minus £140	Cost of collection
Wandsworth	Con	148	136	00	30.80
Westminster	Con	195	176	36	n/a
Shetland	Ind	127	185	45	31.57
Rochester	Con	248	190	50	7.19
Orkney	Ind	160	195	55	35.00
Western Isles	Ind	196	217	77	18.77
Preseli	Ind	195	228	88	7.12
Ceredigion	Ind	196	230	90	10.77
Brecknock	Ind	190	243	103	8.95
Lliw Valley	Lab	241	248	108	8.37

Sources: Municipal Journal, Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (Cipfa), local authorities.

Iran to rebuil siege embass

By JOHN YOUNG

ELEVEN years after i stormed by the SAS, burnt-out shell of the Ir embassy building in Pr Gate, Knightsbridge, has almost totally demolish is to be rebuilt as a repl match its 19th century n bours in the handsome t facing Hyde Park.

Since the five-day which ended with the res 19 hostages in May 198 building has stood as a l ened shell supported scaffolding. Last year, before diplomatic rel between Britain and Iran resumed, the Iranian in section of the Pakistan Commission appointe architect, Ali Shauka supervise the reconstruc

Westminster city c said yesterday that it rec in August an applicatio listed building consen demolish all except the f at basement and ground level and the rear base wall. Permission was gr in December, after discu with English Heritage.

Mr Shaukat said yes that the decision to dem the badly damaged bui was based on advice professional engineers. estimated rebuilding would be much more originally thought.

In 1988 the British go ment agreed to pay million in stages toward cost of the work, in retur Iran's undertaking to *£980,000 for repairs* t British Embassy in Te The Foreign Office said terday that the agreemen held good.

Power strike threat grows

The threat of a national p strike increased last night management refused to prove its offer of an 8 per pay rise to 70,000 worker the electricity supply indus Union leaders said that un the Electricity Associa moved towards *meeting* claim for a substantial industrial action woul *on April 24.*

Both sides plan to again before the deadli the *hope* of averting a which could cause sever location to supplies. Alth the union side has not qu fied its claim, it is known seeking an increase of at 10 per cent.

IRA bomber

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By RUTH GLEDHI

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In a joint statement, the two sides agreed that further discussions would be held and that meanwhile the zoo would give further consideration to transforming the Regent's Park site, which it has occupied for over 160 years, into a conservation centre with a smaller animal population. David Jones, the zoo director, and his team left through a side exit without commenting on their failure to secure the £30 million.

A zoo spokesman said later: "We were expecting this would be one of the first encounters with the government, and not that it would turn round and say 'all right, here's the money'. We are not too despondent, and are looking forward to further meetings, knowing that the British public are thoroughly behind us and hoping that the government will eventually give similar support."

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£4m repair bill for St Paul's cathedral could be doubled

By Ruth Gledhill, Religious Affairs Correspondent

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If spending continues according to budget, St Paul's will have a deficit of £1 million, compared with £233,500 last year and £54,000 two years ago. Tourists contributed nearly half of the £3.1 million income last year. But the tramp of those tourists through the marble and clay-tiled floors, erosion by pollution and vibration from traffic are taking a financial toll with which current income is unable to keep pace. The names of Nelson and Sir Joshua Reynolds, elaborately carved into the floor of the crypt where they are buried, have become almost illegible in recent years.

Essential maintenance work is being delayed to bring the deficit down to £400,000, but according to Brigadier Robert Acworth, cathedral registrar, this will only postpone the agony. Martin Stancliffe, appointed fabric surveyor last year and also architect to Lichfield, Southwell and Oxford cathedrals, said that his survey would be completed by autumn. He is keeping a close watch on structural movements, which have been monitored since the 1920s.

The survey has higlighted already the need for urgent work totalling £2 million on crumbling and eroded masonry and stonework. Nothing has been done to the south transept for more than a century and shrapnel damage from a bomb in the second world war is still visible. The library roof has not been releaded for decades and rain leaks are putting at risk valuable books, especially during storms. Roof repairs and other work will cost £200,000.

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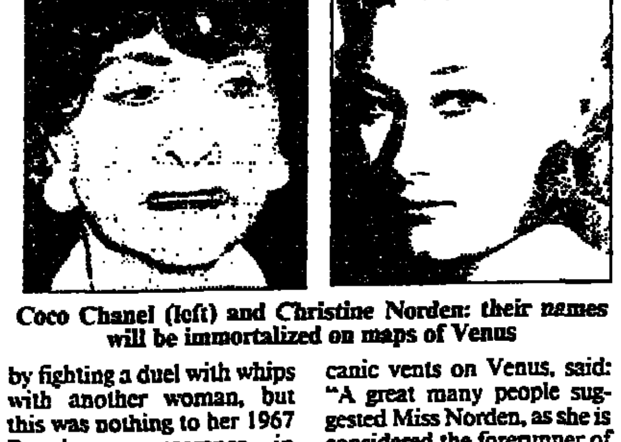
Joel F. Russell, cartographer of the US Geological Survey who is helping to coordinate the naming of mountains, craters, and volcanic vents on Venus, said: "A great many people suggested Miss Norden, as she is considered the forerunner of the modern sex symbol." The mapping, he says, is unique in cartographic history: "Never has so much territory been discovered and mapped in so short a time".

Among those who suggested Miss Norden is Judy Ross, an American photographer who works in the London office of the *Los Angeles Times*. "She was one of the all-time great beauties," she says.

Miss Norden, daughter of a Sunderland bus driver, got her name from Alexander Korda. She started her career as Molly Thornton, but Korda declared: "You are cool, like crystal ... and with those cheekbones, you look nordic." Just what feature her name will be attached to on Venus has yet to be decided: but a prominence rather than a crater would seem appropriate.

Miss Norden joins Elizabeth Arden, Nancy Astor, the novelist Enid Bagnold, Maria Callas and Coco Chanel in the list of Venusian place-names.

By coincidence, one of her best known films, *Mine Own Executioner*, a psychological was shown on Channel 4 last night.



Coco Chanel (left) and Christine Norden: their names will be immortalized on maps of Venus

MARC ASPLAND

Here's to heritage: a beer drinker at The Lamb in Lamb's Conduit Street, Bloomsbury, London, drinks to the launch of a campaign by Camra, the beer drinker's pressure group, to stop the bogus gentrification of Britain's pubs (David Young writes).

The Georgian Society, the Victorian Society, the Thirties Society and the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings are backing the campaign. Stephen Cox, of Camra, said: "Without an immediate reappraisal by planners and pub owners Britain's diverse heritage of pub history will disappear.

"Every historical pub will be poured from the same nostalgic mould." Dr Steven Parissien, of the Georgian Society, accused the brewers of creating a false image of Britain by manufacturing a heritage which never existed. He said they were wasting huge sums of money. "The unique social heritage of the pub is being sumbmerged by the fake, the misguided and the second-rate interpretatation of the past."

Sir Edwin Lutyens, the architect of many famous buildings, some of them pubs, would no doubt agree. He once said: "The Church is to the spirit as the inn is to the flesh."

Publicans see through a glass darkly

Call it a hiccup, publicans meeting in London were told. Jack Crossley reports on life with the R-word

IT WAS a pub crawlers' paradise, except that the crawlers were drinking to seek a cure for their worries rather than trying to forget them.

Britain's publicans were in town to enjoy the force-fed gaiety at *the Pub, Club and* Leisure Show at Olympia. Through the bottom of a glass seemed as good a way as any to find new ways of persuading customers that pubs are the place to sit out a recession. "Ten per cent down all round," said David Cartmell, sales representative at the Association of Licensed Free Traders' free bar.

This is a downturn which Britain's 65,000 pubs are fighting as if they had never heard the phrase "last orders". Jack Knowles, a business consultant who is also a licensee, advised the industry not to go on talking itself into recession and to concentrate more on such cheerful items as the profit to be made from selling premium brands. It was appropriate, perhaps, for Mr Knowles to suggest that if the trade "substitutes the word hiccup for recession it does not sound half so bad".

No holds barred becomes a permitted cliché for describing the way the battle is shaping. "Forget your karaoke," the man promoting arm wrestling shouted. "Their gear costs an arm and a leg, and people are fed up with it. Pack the punters in on your quiet nights with the oldest pub game in the world."

There was no shortage of macho Essex men to challenge the resident champion. John Parker, the karaoke man blissfully unaware that his blossoming import from Japan is already out of tune, was too busy with his own battleground. Local bureaucrats have added their own discord to the singalong-with-me craze. There is trouble over the type of entertainment licence required, with some landlords facing heavy bills. Mr Parker is trying to sort it out, while less diplomatic souls at the Beamish free stout bar declared: "Try something new, and they'll put a tax on it."

The Morning Advertiser, the publicans' daily which is sponsoring the show, had a newsletter screaming: "Keith Floyd in hunt for Britain's top pub cook!!" The exclamation marks are presumably justified by the thought that Keith Floyd already held the title in perpetuity. Marion Matthewman, from the Warenford Lodge, Belford, Northumberland, won the title with a civet of venison dish at £5.50.

Mr Floyd looked as happy as a newt though he was as sober as a judge doing his food tasting with a plastic fork, drinking red plonk for the cameras and Heineken export lager offstage. Marion's dish, he said, was better than the stuff served up at his own pub, and practically half the price.

One bar at the show may well find its takings down more than the 10 per cent average. The regular bar on level two was selling cooking whisky at £1.30 a shot while round the corner they were serving Glenfiddich free.

BMA seeks check on alcohol use

TARGETS to reduce alcohol consumption must be included in the government's forthcoming green paper on health, the *British Medical Journal* says today (Jill Sherman writes).

An editorial says that the campaign against alcohol abuse, unheeded by the government, has now all but evaporated. "While the alcohol industry sponsors car rallies and advertises beautiful people enjoying drinks in the Caribbean the campaign has gone flat." Alcohol abuse causes 28,000 deaths and costs the government £2 billion a year in court cases, days off work and medical care.

The editorial claims that the government has failed to act because the drinks industry is such a powerful ally. "Not only does the industry give generously to political funds, but many MPs are consultants to alcohol companies."

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Travel by air begins to climb again

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

AIRLINE passengers are beginning tentatively to take to the air again after months of what amounted to a virtual boycott of the international aviation industry.

Some routes, especially across the Atlantic, have climbed back towards the passenger figures which existed last year, but there is no sign of any sense of euphoria, or even relief, in the embattled *airline industry*.

Figures released yesterday by BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority, showed that 11 per cent fewer passengers used Britain's airports in March compared with last year, a great improvement on the February figures, which showed a 22 per cent drop from February 1990.

Domestic traffic was down by 11 per cent compared with a 15 per cent drop in February, and European scheduled passengers were also 11 per cent fewer in March compared with 24 per cent down in February.

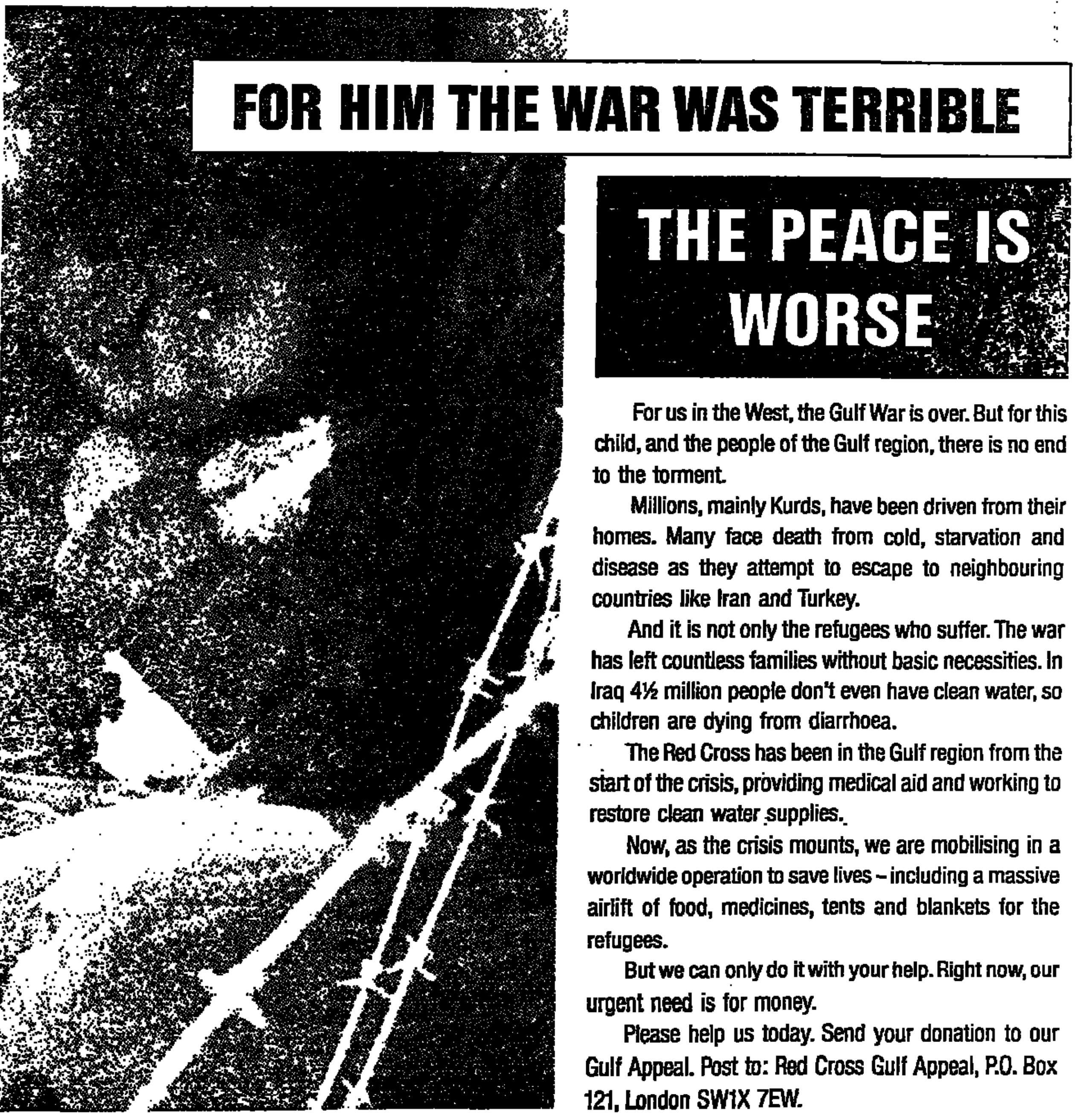
The total number of aircraft movements in March was 11 per cent fewer than the same month last year and cargo — always regarded as a key indicator of a nation's economic health — was down by 13 per cent.

The worst affected airport was Prestwick, which was 82.1 per cent down in March compared with last year. The least affected was Glasgow, which showed a drop of only 0.5 per cent. The number of passengers passing through Heathrow was 11.4 per cent down, Gatwick was 14.1 per cent down and Stansted — struggling to capture a market share — was 13.3 per cent down on last year.

Because of a good start to the year as a whole, however, the number of passengers using Heathrow in the 12 months to March was 2.2 per cent higher.

Holiday companies predict that the number of people taking a foreign package holiday this summer will be some 7 per cent fewer than last year.

The collapse of the ILG group has meant that the remaining tour operators will probably all do well as they soak up the passengers who would otherwise have booked through ILG.



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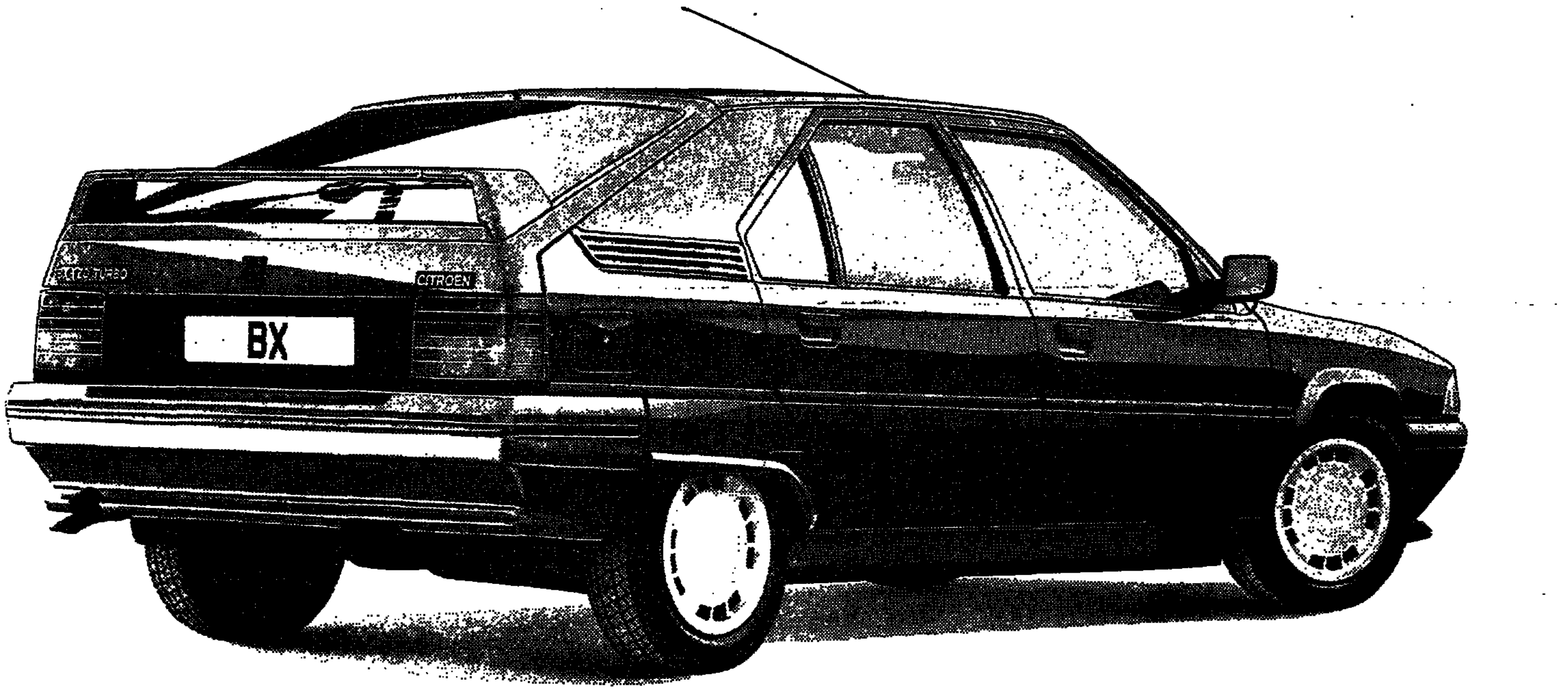

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NOBBY CLARK

Nose for the part: Stephen Jefferies is transformed for the title role in *Cyrano*, a new ballet that will be shown at the Royal Opera House next month

Drug to 'educate' cancer cells

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A DRUG that functions by re-educating cancer cells to behave normally is showing encouraging results in clinical trials.

Ronald Breslow, from Columbia university, New York, told the Royal Society of Chemistry congress in London yesterday that a substance called hexamethylene bis-acetamide (HMBA) had been given seven years ago to a woman with lung cancer who had been given two months to live. "She's still alive and she's still smoking," Professor Breslow said. A trial with 25 adults with leukaemia began last November.

HMBA was the first of a series of substances developed at Columbia that appear to function by activating one form of an enzyme called protein kinase-C. Professor Breslow has now synthesised more than 400 chemicals with similar properties, some of which in tissue culture experiments are 1,000 times as effective as HMBA. One of those substances is now being developed in co-operation with a drug company, Sterling Drug.

Eye operation a knockout blow for Bruno

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Bruno: refusal to accept retirement is inevitable

THE hard world of professional boxing paid emotional tribute yesterday to Frank Bruno, whose fighting career is almost certainly to be ended by the operation he needs for a torn retina in his right eye.

Bruno, aged 29, is believed to have sustained the injury during his last fight just over two years ago, when he was beaten by Mike Tyson. "That's cricket, Harry," he told the BBC commentator Harry Carpenter after yesterday's announcement. Gary Mason, the former British heavyweight champion and stable-mate of Bruno, said: "I suppose he could have an operation on his eye and try to box on, but I think he would be stupid to take that road. He has been to the top."

Although Bruno has not accepted that retirement is inevitable, Mickey Duff, who promoted most of his fights, has no doubts. "It is all over," he said. "I would say that Frank was as good as any home heavyweight we have seen. *Certainly nobody came closer to* becoming Britain's first world heavyweight champion this century." Bruno had not been expected to return to boxing. An eye operation makes any comeback even more unlikely.

Since his last fight, Bruno's activities have included playing the Genie in *Aladdin* and opening supermarkets. Carpenter added: "He is a magnet. He has so much charisma that people just flock around this giant of a man. I think his massive popularity will endure."

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Countryside body seeks curb on cars

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BETTER protection of wild areas, curbs on car access to remoter regions and a public right to wander in open country should be central goals of rural policy over the next decade, the Countryside Commission said yesterday.

The commission, the government's chief adviser in England on rural affairs, called for a new national strategy defining the roles of farming, forestry, rural development and leisure in the countryside.

Launching a consultation paper, *An Agenda for the Countryside*, Sir John Johnson, a former diplomat who *became the commission*'s chairman on April 1, said: "We believe we are better placed now than at any time in living memory to help shape the countryside we want for our children and for theirs."

The commission is inviting comments on the paper by the end of June and plans to publish a final version in October.

One of the paper's more controversial suggestions is "a presumption that in open country (primarily uncultivated or unenclosed). people should be able to enjoy quiet recreation on foot unless they can be shown by their presence to be causing significant detriment to the other uses to which the land is put".

Adrian Phillips, the commission's director general, said: "We feel the debate hitherto has been between two extremes — the total-freedom-to-roam lobby on the one hand versus the moorland owners on the other. We are trying to find a middle way. At present, outside urban commons, *the public does not* have automatic right of access even to common land, much of which is privately owned."

The paper proposes that the tourist industry be asked to pay towards conserving the countryside, but rules out charging visitors. In some remote areas, it says, cars should be banned and there might be a case for letting farmland return to wilderness.

Classical allusion from the groin

By PHILIP HOWARD

Alas, poor Warwick. The Classical Association poked into obscenity, nudge-nudge, wink-wink, know what I mean, professor, at its annual meeting at Warwick university yesterday. *Homo sum*: all fields of human activity are of interest to a scholar.

Dr Adrian Gratwick, of St Andrews university, discussed the innuendo of Plautus. The new kind of comedy he wrote avoided the verbal aggression of other Roman genres, and used the ironic innuendo of the *Carry On* films. The scenes are often visually shocking, from cucumbers to castration. But the language is double entendres, jokey not crude. Contemporaries needed to be sharp to catch the blue jokes, which are even more elusive 24 centuries later.

When a young foody announces: "My name is Bull's Tail because I sweep the table clean" (bulls' tails were used as brushes in ancient Rome), it is either a feeble opening line to a play or there is a concealed naughty joke.

Professor Marilyn Skinner, of Northern Illinois university, examining the use of obscenity in Catullus, saw ancient Rome as a perilous society in which upwardly mobile men used gross insult to put down rivals. Audiences got pleasure from identifying with the priapic figure of the speaker.

Dr Sue Braund, of Exeter university, showed how Roman satirists used obscenity to attack with a big stick and urbanity to attack with smiles, wit and literary allusion.

Dr John Henderson, of King's College, Cambridge, argued that all obscenity lies in the groin of the establishment. For a deconstructionalist all language is a power struggle, about authority and policing. This is an important insight into the way texts work. But it is not the exclusive truth.

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Ministers rule out radical change for probation services

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

PROBATION services in England and Wales will remain locally based but must become more cost-effective and accountable, ministers said yesterday, announcing the results of a review.

The Home Office has ruled out "for the time being" a radical change to the organisation and financing of the services, to the relief of most of its 13,000 employees. Instead, there will be closer central monitoring of the 55 local services, better liaison with other criminal justice agencies and more streamlined management.

Announcing the decisions, John Patten, Home Office minister of state, said the government was not convinced that a centrally run national service would be an improvement. It did not want to impose more change on a service that already faced upheaval with government plans to increase substantially community punishments. "Our conclusions amount to a judicious combination of a local service, locally delivered, working within a much tighter national framework of financial planning and the way the service carries out its job," he said.

"We would not at the moment have decided to have a national service even if we thought it was a good idea in principle. We don't believe we can ask the service to implement the proposals set out in the criminal justice bill and take on board root and branch reform of its structure."

Local authorities will continue to pay 20 per cent of the cost of probation services, with the Home Office meeting the balance. Some probation officers, though, were fearful yesterday of ministers' long-term plans. The most important positive change announced may be the closer Home Office involvement in planning local budgets. The document, published yesterday, calls for probation committees, which manage services locally, to be smaller, with judges and magistrates making up only 50 per cent of their membership; better liaison between probation officers, sentencers and prison officials; and power for the home secretary to impose sanctions on probation committees performing inadequately.

The Home Office also believes that some probation services should, "after full consultation", merge with neighbouring services to provide a full range of non-custodial penalties.

The Central Council of Probation Committees said the document showed that ministers had recognised the service's "proven record of success". The National Association of Probation Officers said the rejection of radical options would increase the chances of probation officers co-operating fully with the Home Office's "punishment in the community" strategy. But the association wanted assurances that amalgamations would not lead to job cuts and a deterioration in community service standards.

KEVIN SMITH

Over the hill: the main tower of Conisbrough castle, ravaged by years of pollution and facing collapse

Ivanhoe castle in danger

By PETER DAVENPORT

AN APPEAL for £500,000 to be launched to save Coni brough castle in South Yor shire, which has bee damaged by air pollution.

The castle, which appeare in Sir Walter Scott's nov *Ivanhoe* as Rotherwood, reputed to be one of the fine remaining examples of No man military architecture i Europe. It has an 800-yea old keep at its centre. Urge repairs are needed to keep th structure open to the publ and to prevent it fro collapsing within the next fe decades.

Corrosion has been cause by years of industrial poll tion from Doncaster, an although many of the bigg smoke-producers have no gone, the worst damage h already been done. The kee needs a new roof, and la areas of stonework will hav to be restored or replaced.

The appeal, which is to b launched in the summer b the Ivanhoe Trust, is aime at individuals, national an international companies an heritage organisations. It i hoped that EC grants wi meet up to half of the costs.

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Educated 'better able to cope with alcohol damage'

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

BETTER educated men and women are more able to cope with brain damage caused by heavy drinking, psychologists said yesterday. The finding emerged from a study in which volunteers took tests to gauge mental performance.

The heaviest drinkers performed least well, the researchers said, but mental impairment was more evident in those with low educational attainment. The study, sented at the British Psy ological Society annual c erence in Bournemouth, suggested that brain dam may be caused by lower le of alcohol than estimated.

Excessive drinking known to impair the intell The new study, by psych gists at the Jennyfield hea centre in Harrogate, No Yorkshire, is however the fi to show that drinkers with l educational standards more vulnerable.

Adrian Skinner and Chri tine Williams, who conduct the study, said that they do n have the same capacity learn new skills as those better education. "A may have a more debili effect on the learning capa of the less intelligent."

The study involved 19 m and women aged between and 70 and classed as light social drinkers, consuming wer than 20 units of alcoh week, and the same numbe heavy drinkers, whose co umption was more than units a week.

A unit is equivalent t measure of spirits, a glass wine or half a pint of b Government guidelines s gest that men should not dr more than 21 and women more than 14 units each we

The heaviest drinkers in study had had alcoho treatment at a local psy atric hospital. They w matched with the other vol teers in terms of age, sex GCE qualifications.

Another alcohol-rela study presented at the c ference produced evid that people who give drinking for a month are m mentally alert as a result.

Dr Geoff Lowe, of Hull versity, found that two-th of 84 volunteers who stained for four weeks "s better, lost a little weight, worked harder at their jo

Survivors' anger lasts for years

SURVIVORS of disasters continue for years afterwards to direct anger and blame towards those who they believe are responsible, psychologists said yesterday (Thomson Prentice writes).

A study of 145 survivors showed that most of those who escaped the Summerland entertainment centre fire at Douglas, Isle of Man, in 1973, in which 49 people died, retained such emotions. Their feelings were shared by most survivors of the Zeebrugge ferry disaster in 1987, and the Hillsborough stadium tragedy in 1989.

Dr James Thompson and Michael Solomon, of University College and Middlesex School of Medicine, London, said that most felt frequent anger towards organisations deemed responsible and blamed legal procedures that they felt had failed to ensure that justice was done.

Emotional reactions were far less intense among ten people named in official enquiries as being in some way responsible for one of the disasters. They were less afraid than the survivors of being in another disaster.

£18,000 for burns woma

A woman who was hurt in a gas explosion at a house owne her son and daughter was awarded £18,000 agreed damag the High Court yesterday against the couple who sold them property.

The accident happened in 1987 on the day that contrac the purchase of the house, in Reading, were completed. Eu Zubairy, aged 48, of Charvil, Berkshire, was burnt on her f arms and neck when her son-in-law lit a match unaware tha was escaping from an uncapped cooker pipe. The se Richard and Doreen Reynolds, of Reading, denied liabili

Bank swindle

A former employee of the Nat West Bank, David Goodwin, aged 25, of Buckfastleigh, Devon, was given a suspended jail sentence by Plymouth crown court yesterday for using his knowledge of the bank's computer system to steal more than £12,000.

Lions' exit route

Four lions that escaped from a circus at Grimsby last month, one of them mauling a man aged 29, got out through a hole that had been deliberately cut in a rope tunnel leading to their cage, police disclosed yesterday.

Drug discovery

Five people were being question by customs and excise officers yesterday after the discovery on Wednesday of cannabis resin worth £750,000 in a semi-inflatable boat on a beach near the village of Sea Palling in Norfolk.

Cell death

An investigation launched yesterday after a year-old man arrested drunkeness was found after 20 minutes in a p cell at Swindon. Police there had been no struggl

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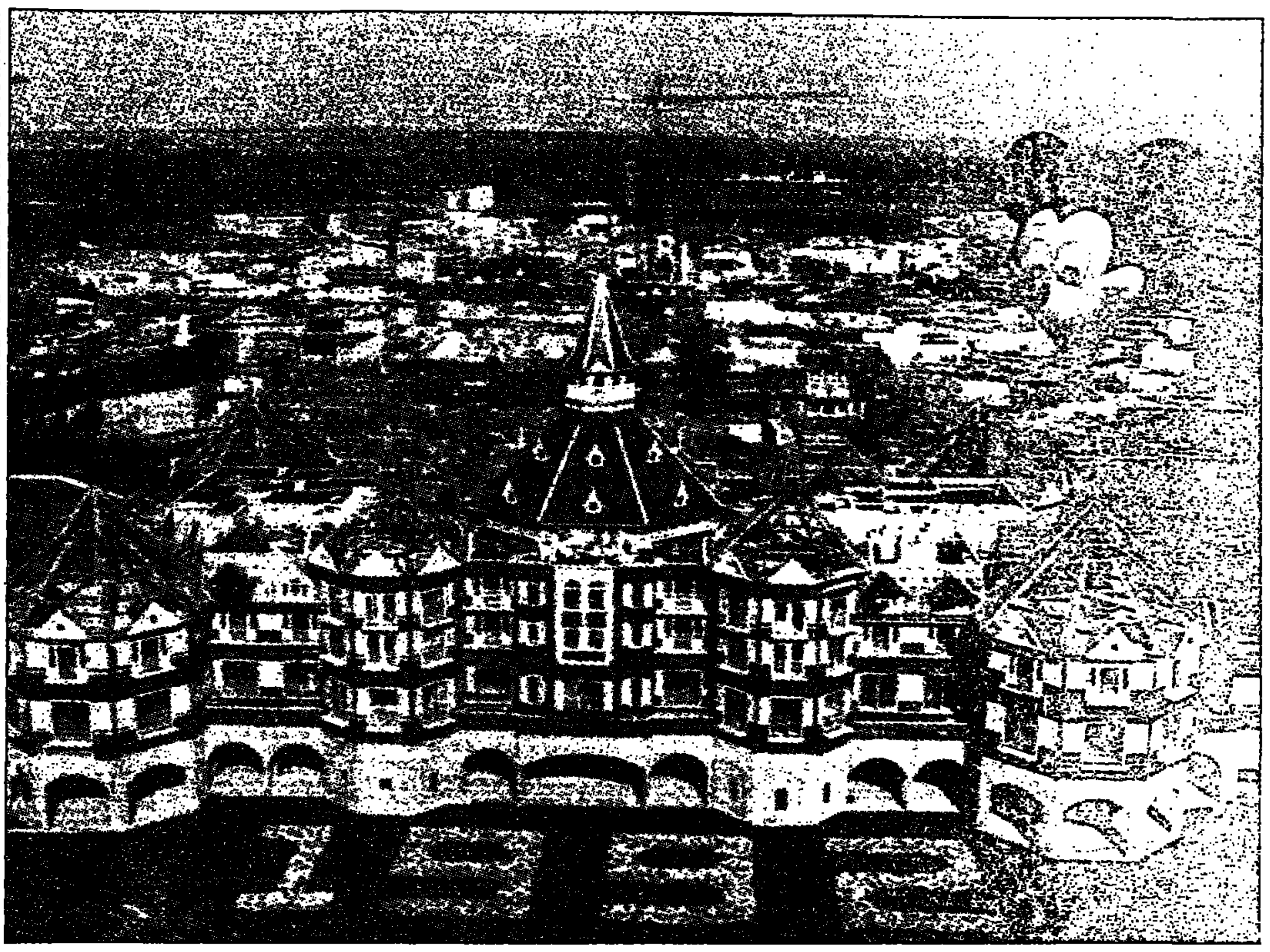

Fantasy world: the European outpost of Disneyland will open at Marne La Vallée, near Paris, one year from today, including a theme park, hotels, a wooded camping ground and an entertainment centre

Rebels in Georgia welcome troops

From BRUCE CLARK
IN MOSCOW

SWEEPING Soviet moves to break the three-month blockade imposed by Georgian forces on rebel strongholds in the South Ossetia region were warmly welcomed yesterday by the Ossetians' political leaders, who went on to demand further military action by the Kremlin.

Moscow's operation has already triggered a furious reaction from the Georgian authorities, who formally proclaimed independence this week and are now encouraging key workers to mount a political strike that could paralyse parts of the Soviet transport system.

But Yevgenia Dzagoyeva, deputy head of the South Ossetian administration which wants to opt out of Georgia's independence drive, said here yesterday: "We express our gratitude for the actions of the Soviet interior ministry troops."

She renewed demands, also voiced by many of President Gorbachev's conservative critics, that Soviet forces be deployed permanently in the region, where over half the rural population has fled because of inter-communal shootings and kidnappings.

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UK plan to save Kurds came after US warning

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

JOHN Major's proposal at the EC summit in Luxembourg this week for the creation of a safe haven for Kurdish refugees was made after Washington had warned Baghdad not to use its military in northern Iraq at the weekend, diplomatic sources said.

The American warning was delivered to the Iraqi ambassador at the United Nations and diplomats representing Iraq in Washington as the US, Britain and France began airlifting emergency supplies into northern Iraq.

On Monday, Mr Major had proposed the creation of safe havens for the Kurds in the north of Iraq. The American warning was only made public on Wednesday.

Determined to press ahead with the British initiative in the face of considerable scepticism at the United Nations, Lynda Chalker, the minister of overseas development, was trying to arrange a meeting yesterday with Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general.

British diplomats hope that Eric Suy, a UN envoy who is due to visit Iraq tomorrow, will win Baghdad's consent to a big relief effort within the terms of last Friday's security council resolution calling for access to the Kurds.

But the British delegation is beginning work on a new draft resolution to force Iraq to allow the UN to set up temporary sanctuaries if Baghdad does not co-operate or if the secretary-general believes it would be useful.

The draft resolution would probably ask Señor Pérez de Cuéllar to establish areas in northern Iraq where the Kurds could group to receive food and shelter.

Such a follow-on resolution is opposed by many members of the security council on the grounds that it interferes with Iraq's internal soveriegnty and could set a precedent for other trouble spots like Afghanistan or Tibet.

But Britain intends, if necessary, to argue that Iraq is bound by the Geneva Convention not to attack its own population.

Another possible legal basis for the declaration of UN safe zones for the Kurds would be the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. Article 1 of the convention, which Iraq has accepted, requires all signatories to regard genocide "whether committed in time of peace or time of war" as a "crime under international law which they undertake to prevent and punish".

Article 8 says any member of the convention "may call upon the competent organs of the United Nations to take such action under the UN Charter as they consider appropriate for the prevention and suppression of acts of genocide".

The convention, passed after Hitler's massacre of Jews, defines genocide as acts "committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group".

Yesterday, Iran called on the United Nations to guarantee the safe return of refugees to their homes in Iraq. Kamal Kharrazi, Iran's ambassador, made the appeal for UN action as he delivered an official letter on the refugees to Señor Pérez de Cuéllar. About 900,000 Iraqis have so far crossed into Iran.

"Actions have to be taken by the United Nations for the speedy repatriation of refugees to their homelands". He said there had to be guarantees that they would be safe.

Mr Kharrazi said Iran was consulting other countries about possible action by the Security Council, where Britain is pushing for the creation of UN safe havens.

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Bodies of Baathists exhumed

From ADAM KELLIHER
IN BAGHDAD

THE Iraqi authorities yesterday exhumed 50 corpses of soldiers, police officers and officials of the ruling Baath party in mass graves in which they said had been found a further 500 bodies of government supporters who were massacred by Kurdish rebels last month.

Residents corroborated the official account during a visit by Western journalists to Sulaymaniyah, a town near the Iranian border that housed some 500,000 Kurds before last month's abortive uprising against President Saddam Hussein.

With face masks on to ward off the stench from decomposing bodies, workers used a bulldozer and shovel to unearth the corpses from one mass grave set amid rolling green hills on the outskirts of the town.

Many bodies had arms tied behind their backs, the victims despatched with a single shot to the backs of their heads. Others had limbs severed. Bystanders wept at the sight of the bodies being pulled from the rich red soil to be transported to the south to be reburied.

Officials said four mass graves uncovered since Tuesday had yielded 550 bodies and they expected the total to reach 600.

Unhappy families: relatives, claiming Iraq holds 5,000 Kuwaiti PoWs, protest at Kuwait City's US embassy

Emir yields little in bid to hold power

From REUTER IN KUWAIT

ThEIR future uncertain and their oil industry in ruins, Kuwaitis have started bargaining over who will wield power as they rebuild the emirate. At stake is the constitutionally-entrenched power of the Sabah family which has ruled Kuwait for 250 years but has yielded some ground to demands for democratic reform.

The Emir, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, announced last Sunday that elections for a new parliament would be held some time next year. The opposition — increasingly vocal since allied forces drove out Iraq's occupaton army six weeks ago — wants polls in six months time, or by January at the latest.

"The haggling has started," a Western diplomat said. "It (the emir's speech) was a cleverly judged attempt to keep the intiative. His opening bid is the end of 1992. We wait to see what the reaction is."

Four main opposition groups — liberals, conservatives, Sunni Muslim fundamentalists and Shia Muslims — are working on a joint response. In initial comments, they welcomed the emir's pledge of elections and his promise to study a political role for women, hitherto barred from voting or holding elected office. But they said an unspecified date for elections next year was too late.

A key test will be formation of a new government. Sheikh Saad al-Abdulla al-Sabah, who is crown prince and prime minister, submitted his cabinet's resignation last month in the face of complaints over slow restoration of basic services. "If the government can think of a way to convince competent opposition figures to join the cabinet, and if they get rid of unpopular Sabah ministers, it will have worked," a diplomat said.

Sheikh Saad is expected to announce his new cabinet after next week's Eid al-Fitr festival marking the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. Looking further head, it appears clear that some of the Sabah family's considerable power will be lost when a new parliament, replacing one dissolved by the emir in 1986, is in place. "As soon as you have the new national assembly, the powers of the Sabahs will automatically be reduced," a diplomat said. "By just how much is part of the haggling process."

Opposition leaders want a new legislature in place much sooner than the emir plans, to oversee the awarding of reconstruction contracts and check corruption. Rebuilding Kuwait will be big business for foreign and Kuwaiti firms. Ministers and executives from Western countries are already visiting the country to sniff out prospects.

"The reconstruction will need very large funds which requires having a parliament to review and endorse the projects," said Abdulla al-Noubari of the liberal Kuwait Democratic Forum. "The absence of a parliament will open the field to corruption and excesses."

The opposition is worried by the vagueness of the emir's election promise — "We have decided that after things settle down...parliamentary elections will be held next year. What if he comes in six months time and says we still have problems and justifies postponing elections?" said a Democratic Forum member. Restoring some sort of normal life is only just beginning. Water, electricity and telephone services have been patched together in parts of Kuwait City. More food is available in the shops, but most businesses, damaged and looted by the Iraqis, will take months to reopen.

Mixed response for Baker plan

From REUTER IN DAMASCUS

JAMES Baker, the US secretary of state, won an encouraging response from Saudi Arabia yesterday for the idea of holding a regional Middle East peace conference but was greeted with renewed scepticism in Syria.

Mr Baker flew to Damascus from Cairo after meeting the Saudi foreign minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal. A senior State Department official later described the meeting as positive. "It's fair to say that we were pretty pleased with the character and the content of the meeting. Obviously this was an issue that came up and we're satisfied with the discussion we had," the official said.

Syrian approval for the concept of holding a regional meeting, rather than a full international conference under United Nations auspices, is crucial if Mr Baker's Middle East initiative is to get off the ground.

But the official *al-Baath* daily, newspaper of President Assad's ruling Baath party, repeated Syria's view that negotiations that bypassed UN resolutions calling for an international peace conference and a full Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab lands were "doomed to total failure."

Mr Baker, who met President Assad shortly after arriving in Damascus, expressed cautious optimism about the progress of his mediation effort so far, saying: "I think we've made some progress but we still have a lot of things to do."

Saudi Arabia's green light to pursue the idea, which won cautious Egyptian backing on Wednesday and Israeli agreement in principle on Tuesday, was a small but important step forward.

President Assad was likely to prove a tougher nut to crack. Syria has been Israel's most uncompromising foe and has traditionally taken a hostile stance towards the United States. But Damascus supported Washington in the Gulf war and the unlikely partnership paved the way to a high-level dialogue between the two countries.

Mr Baker has been to Damascus four times since last summer and President Assad met President Bush in Geneva last November, an encounter that would have been politically impossible for either leader before the Gulf crisis.

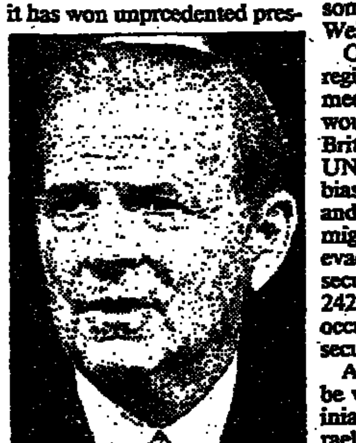
The United States believes it has won unprcedented prestige in the Arab world following February's victory over Iraq. It hopes to use this as a lever for new flexibility over Arab-Israeli peace. But formidable obstacles still lie ahead, not least the insistence of Israel's right-wing government of its right to continue settling more Jews in the occupied territories.

The Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, is resisting Mr Baker's efforts to persuade him to freeze settlement activity. On Wednesday he said the issue had nothing to do with the peace process and his government would continue building settlements.

The State Department official said Mr Shamir's remarks proved "it's not all happy talk". But Israeli-US disagreement on settlements was not new. "Does that different view mean that everything comes to a halt? No. Does it mean that it can have some impact on the process? Well, it may," he said.

One difference between a regional and international meeting is that the former would exclude parties such as Britain, France, China and the UN that Israel regards as biased against it. But Syria and other Arab states fear it might also allow Israel to evade its obligation under security council resolutions 242 and 338 to exchange occupied land for peace and security.

A big problem is bound to be who represents the Palestinians at any conference. Israel is anxious to exclude even indirect participation by the Palestine Liberation Organisation.



Baker: warm reception in Riyadh, cool in Damascus

£330m needed for aid

From ASSOCIATED PRESS
IN GENEVA

THE United Nations needs nearly $600 million (£330 million) to help provide a lifeline to refugees who have fled Iraq and to desperate civilians who remain in the stricken country.

Sadako Ogata, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said yesterday it would cost some $400.2 million to care for 1.5 million Kurdish and Shia refugees in Iran and Turkey. She said her agency planned to transport 800 tonnes of supplies in the next few days to the mountainous border areas.

Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, appealed for $178 million to meet the "minimal, most immediate needs" of vulnerable groups in Iraq. "It is clear beyond any doubt that the present needs of the population of Iraq are so great that they far exceed the capabilities of the donor community," he said in his report.

The cost of food imports amounted to $2 billion per year, he said. If Iraq was not allowed to resume commercial activities nearly all these imports would have to be met by international relief to avert widespread famine.

He said the appeal aimed to provide emergency food supplies for 735,000 people identified as most at risk from disease and starvation. A further priority was to buy spare parts for farm machinery essential for the June harvest.

Last of Tirana Jews reach Israel

From RICHARD BEESTON
IN TEL AVIV

THE ill-fitting clothes, gapped-toothed smiles and bewildered look of the latest refugees to arrive in Israel yesterday stood out in stark contrast to the other, more elegant passengers on El Al's flight 386 from Rome.

But as the 16 Albanians stepped on to the apron at Ben Gurion airport, the last of the 300-strong Jewish community to reach Israel, their safe arrival was greeted with relief and some pride by the Israeli officials involved in organising their secret escape over the past four months.

"Thank you for everything you have done," said Albert Vitalli who arrived with his wife and mother after leaving their home in Tirana on Tuesday. "We will pay back our debt to the Israeli government with honour and hard work."

Other Albanians were more to the point. One young woman on her first visit to her new country said she wanted a house on the beach, while another admitted that she was in fact a Christian, but that her Jewish husband had persuaded her to emigrate.

"Israel seems fine," said Mirilla Jakoven, clutching her son, Leon, aged two. "But I am worried about my family whom I left behind. It is quiet in Albania now, but who knows what will happen there and I want my parents to join us in Israel."

The operation to bring them here will not go down in the annals of the Jewish Agency, the semi-official organisation responsible for immigration, when compared with the more daring and spectacular episodes of Operation Moses, when Ethiopian Jews were secretly airlifted to Israel in the thousands, nor of Operation Magic Carpet when Arab Jews were brought to Israel from Yemen.

Israeli officials said yesterday that most of the Albanian Jews left with Tirana's approval after contacts were made with the government through third parties. Italy and Greece played important roles to secure their release, since Albania does not recognise Israel and officially emigration is banned.

The operation was conceived last year when the unofficial leader of the Jewish community in Albania, Mimiko Cantozi, aged 68, visited Israel and on his return persuaded other Jews of the advantages of a new life there.

Although Albania did not discriminate against its tiny Jewish population, all religions worship was banned in 1967 by the stalinist regime, which began to crumble last autumn opening the way for the Jewish agency to begin its work.

However, the organisation is discovering that, unlike its new arrivals from the Adriatic, some Jews in the diaspora are less keen to start their new lives in Israel. Yesterday the chairman of the Knesset Immigration Committee, Michael Kleiner, said that about one million Soviet Jews, who have already been granted exit visas from Moscow, had cancelled or delayed their trips to Israel because they feared economic hardships, particularly unemployment, when they arrive.

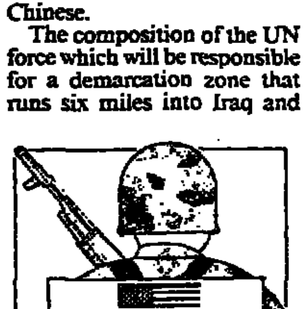
"Letters about disappointment from immigrants are flooding Russia," he said. "There is a change of heart among them. Before we counted on arrivals within a month of getting documents. It was automatic. Now they see exit visas as an insurance policy and weight." Half the Soviet Jews are without work compared to ten per cent for the national average.

Blue berets to control security zone

From MICHAEL EVANS IN RIYADH AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN, British and French troops still in Kuwait and southern Iraq will be handing over control of a special security zone in the area to a United Nations force which will be commanded by an Austrian major-general. His staff will include a Pakistani, a Russian and a Chinese.

The composition of the UN force which will be responsible for a demarcation zone that runs six miles into Iraq and three miles into northern Kuwait, emerged yesterday following the latest ceasefire agreement.



The Austrian, Major-General Gunther Greindl, who has served with the UN peacekeeping force in Cyprus, will have a Pakistani officer as his second-in-command. A British officer will be his military assistant. A Frenchman is to be in charge of operations and an American officer will be responsible for logistics.

The Soviet member of Major-General Greindl's staff will be the liaison officer in Baghdad and the Chinese officer will be in charge of liaison in Kuwait. British sources in Riyadh said that five infantry companies would be sent, along with 300 observers, which will include 20 Britons.

Iraq has complained about the presence of the British observers. Baghdad said none of the coalition forces should be represented in the UN team. But Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary General, has overruled Iraqi objections. It is believed that the Russians are behind Iraq's complaint.

But Baghdad will have no choice but to accept the allied contingents serving under the UN flag because the security council vote to approve the UN force was, for the first time, taken under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, which renders the decision mandatory. Thus, although Iraq had to be consulted about the creation of a 120-mile long buffer zone reaching six miles into its territory, its consent was not required.

The security council took the unprecedented step because it agreed to guarantee the inviolability of an international boundary, the Iraq-Kuwait frontier as agreed by both sides in 1963. To bolster the UN presence, all five permanent members of the security council, including the Soviet Union and China, are contributing officers.

The five infantry companies will probably consist of troops from Canada, Ireland, Finland, Denmark and New Zealand. The Irish have already offered to send a company. An advance party of UN observers is due to arrive in Kuwait City tomorrow.

The Americans are continuing to withdraw their troops at the rate of 6,000 a day to make way for the UN replacement forces. At present the American force in southern Iraq consists of the Seventh Corps, represented by the 1st Infantry Division, the 3rd Armoured Division and the 1st Armoured Division. The intention of General Norman Schwarzkopf, the American commander-in-chief, is to reduce that presence to one division, which will remain in Kuwait for the foreseeable future. The British element will consist of one battle group in Kuwait, but it is not expected to remain after June.

When the details of the UN force emerged yesterday, Air Commodore Ian Macfadyen, the British force commander in the Middle East, was asked whether the UN rivals would be sufficient replacements for the big American presence. He replied: "There is no threat. Iraq's army is beaten and the country is devastated. I cannot see Iraq being able to mount any form of operation for a long time and if it did it knows what would happen."

Mountain snipers will risk death to reach homeland

By ANDREW FINKEL

IF THE United Nations decides to set up a security zone, then Muhammad Shefik Zakholy and Kurds like him may be able at last to return to their homeland in Iraq, albeit to an uncertain future.

"We will die or reach our target," said Muhammad Shefik, repeating the oath of the *peshmerga* mountain snipers who owe allegiance to the Iraqi Kurdish leader, Masud Barzani. He conceded that dying might be the more likely alternative. Either way the trouble is getting back to northern Iraq.

Muhammad Shefik came to Turkey three years ago when President Saddam Hussein's forces used chemical weapons against the Kurds taking refuge near Halabja. He is one of nine members of what is known as "the committee" — people responsible for the internal administration of the "Temporary Shelter Area" in the outskirts of Diyarbakir; buildings that look like rundown council flats and which serve as home for well over a third of the 28,000 *peshmerga* in Turkey.

Another member of the committee, Hussein Celki Amediye, confirmed his intentions to join the 200,000 *peshmerga* he says are still at war with Baghdad.

The two men regard the proposed sanctuary in northern Iraq as safe havens for the families of the fighters. They deny that the areas would be used as a base for guerrilla operations, although clearly they would have to pass through them to get to the front.

When the *peshmerga* and their families leave Turkey they will at least be happy to leave behind them the experience of urban poverty. Officially they are not refugees but temporary guests. The Turkish government provides them with accommodation in designated centres. These are off limits to non-residents although the *peshmerga* themselves are free to come and go and to look for work to supplement a very basic food allowance.

Conditions in the Diyarbakir area are said to be better than the two other main centres in Mardin and Mus. The squalor visible from the perimeter fence is explained by the fact that several families are obliged to squeeze into a flat that would be cramped for one. Muhammed Shefik and his wife keep the baby's crib under the sink.

Turgut Atalay, the elected mayor of Diyarbakir, says the city has tried to help the *peshmerga*. According to one of his advisers, Bedrettin Gündes, the inhabitants of Diyarbakir have shown little resentment to the refugees, even though they compete for menial jobs in a high unemployment area.

The *peshmerga* are a mountain people who have little notion of commerce as it is done if Turkish bazaars. They are honest, said Mr Gündes. In the open air market outside Diyarbakir's historic city walls some of the *peshmerga* sell cheap clothing and household goods. No one ever bothers to bargain with a price they know contains only a modest commission.

According to the *peshmerga* themselves, their presence in Diyarkbakir in traditional Kurdish dress and lack of shyness about speaking Kurdish openly has made local people more aware of their own Kurdish identity. "We might have been treated better by the authorities if the people had been less sympathetic," says Muhammad Shefik.

However some people in Diyarbakir confess that for the first time they felt their hospitality had been abused when the *peshmerga* did not insist on returning to Iraq at the end of the Gulf War during the rebellion against President Saddam Hussein.

The leaders of the Diyarbakir council say they did apply to the governor's office to be allowed to return home but received no reply. "They should have risen up and insisted," says Mr Gündes.

In one small settlement of *peshmerga* in Sivas, he says, the men did run away to try to cross the border although they were apprehended and brought back by the Turkish authorities.

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Ankara snubs Aziz offer to discuss relief for refugees

From Michael Binyon in Ankara

TARIQ Aziz, the former Iraqi foreign minister, has told the Turkish government he wants to visit Turkey to discuss the Kurdish exodus and the resumption of Iraqi oil exports through two Turkish pipelines. The Iraqi ambassador here also said that Baghdad wanted to collaborate in relief efforts for the refugees.

The offer has been privately dismissed as meaningless by government officials, and Kurdish leaders called the promise by the Iraqi Red Crescent Society to send food supplies into the mountains "a sick joke".

Turkey, however, has welcomed the proposed visit by President Rafsanjani of Iran at the end of the month. His visit marks an important signal of Iran's warmer relations with its neighbours and with Nato countries. The Kurdish exodus will be the chief topic as both sides have a deep interest in preventing the establishment of enormous semi-permanent refugee camps on their territory.

President Ozal is treading a delicate line between giving in to Western pressure to allow the Kurds free entry into Turkey and strong conservative opposition to any large influx or further burden on the stretched Turkish economy. The Turkish proposal to establish border buffer zones, where the fleeing Kurds would be safe, has been received as coolly as the British plan, and the government now appears to be waiting for others to take the initiative.

Ankara now accepts that this could be a temporary solution only. In any case, since the American warning last week to Iraq that any military flights or army activity north of the 36th parallel would provoke an immediate American response, all Iraqi attacks on the fleeing Kurds have ceased. Northern Iraq is already a de facto buffer zone.

Conservative politicians and the army are urging Mr Ozal not to allow the Kurds to settle, fearing that many might be agents of the banned extremist group PKK, trying to slip back into Turkey. The Turkish army has been waging a relentless battle against the PKK, which has killed at least 3,000 people, mostly women and children, in a bombing campaign over the past five years.

Yesterday the government presented to parliament the final reading of a bill that increases the penalties for terrorism while also decriminalising some political activity by former banned groups, so long as they renounce terrorism. The bill has implications for the Kurds, and reflects Turkey's dilemma in wanting to improve its human rights record and liberalise restrictions on Turkish Kurds while fighting an upsurge in urban terrorism.

The PKK campaign shows no sign of abating. One member died and four surrendered in a clash with security forces near the Iraqi frontier on Wednesday. A further 18 people were arrested, charged with recruiting people for terrorism and working as couriers.

The bill could increase penalties for newspaper coverage of extremist organisations. It also provides an amnesty for thousands in detention.

The Kurdish influx has stimulated open debate here on what has been a sensitive issue. Western diplomats say Mr Ozal has gone a long way to recognising the strength of Kurdish feeling for cultural autonomy. But conservatives and those citing the insistence on a unitary state oppose any concession that they fear might be exploited by the country's estimated 12 million Kurds to press for political independence.

Turkey is anxious to capitalise on the warm relations established with its Nato allies, especially the United States, during the Gulf war to press for more aid and a firm promise by the European Community of eventual membership. The Kurdish question could complicate those relations, so Ankara is trying to avoid any policy decision that could be controversial.

To maintain solidarity with the West, Turkey is likely to give a curt answer to Iraq's wish for normal trade and diplomatic relations. The Turks have been angered further by a shooting incident in Istanbul, when Iraqis in the consulate fired on a Kurdish demonstration, killing two people and wounding one.

Long march to safety: a Kurdish couple entering Iran a week after leaving Kirkuk. The nearby border town of Sar Dasht has been flooded by 100,000 refugees

Iran-Iraq war mines kill fleeing Kurds

From Reuter in Tehran

TERRIFIED Kurdish refugees fleeing from Iraq to Iran are being severely injured by frontier mines laid during the Iran-Iraq war, a French doctor said yesterday. Roger Vivarie, an aid co-ordinator for the Médecins sans Frontières, said rescue workers were amputating limbs to try to save lives.

"It is the apocalypse up there," Dr Vivarie said in Tehran after speaking to MSF surgeons working on the Iraqi border. He said that at a 25-bed hospital at Sar Dasht, 12 people — five of them children — died on Wednesday as a result of mine injuries.

Tehran radio reported earlier that Sar Dasht had been overwhelmed by more than 100,000 refugees. "The small border town with its limited means is unable to receive this enormous deluge," the radio said. "All houses, public buildings, mosques and schools are brimming full. A large number of refugees spent the night in streets and alleys."

An unspecified number died of hunger and cold on Tuesday on the trek to Sar Dasht, the radio added. Some 14,000 were treated or taken to the town's clinics.

Dr Vivarie said he believed about 600,000 Kurds were waiting on the Iraqi side of the border to come to Iran. "Conditions are wretched," he said.

Iran has complained that international relief efforts are being mostly directed at Kurdish refugees fleeing to Turkey. But foreign aid workers in Tehran said attempts to fly in doctors and supplies were being hampered by Iranian bureaucracy. Doctors were unable to obtain visas because government ministries were either not open or were unable to cope. Ann Clwyd, Labour spokesman on development, hoping to visit the border region to organise aid, has been stranded in a Tehran hotel for two days awaiting permission to travel, British officials capital said.

More than 1,500 French doctors and nurses have volunteered to treat Kurdish refugees in Turkey and Iran, MSF said in Paris. MSF said it had been authorised to work in Sar Dasht. It was sending a plane there yesterday to set up three first aid centres.

Aid airlift falls short of needs

From Michael Binyon in Ankara

SNOW has fallen on the crowded refugee camps on the Iraqi border, adding to fears that unless emergency relief can be delivered at a faster rate the Kurds will begin to die in their hundreds.

Already dozens of the sick, the elderly and babies are reported to have died of exposure and pneumonia in freezing temperatures, and the lack of water and sanitation could cause epidemics soon.

The airlift is falling far short of the refugees' needs, and the Americans and British are to begin a large-scale helicopter shuttle to bring desperately needed supplies to the inaccessible mountain camps.

Dozens of American helicopters, each able to carry more than eight tonnes, are on their way to Turkey from the Gulf. British Chinook helicopters will also start arriving today or tomorrow. They will fly to the main cities near the border, including Diyarbakir, Van and Batman, and will be used to ferry to the camps the tents, blankets and food arriving by lorries still stuck on impassable muddy tracks.

American officials said yesterday that the rescue mission was proving one of the most expensive ever. Parachute drops from Incirlik air base are costing hundreds of thousands of dollars a day, and are an inefficient way of delivering staples, especially water. An American expert who has visited the border said it would cost a minimum of $500 million (£282 million) just to provide immediate relief. A long-term programme would cost billions.

The United States is preparing to send in thousands of troops, army engineers and support staff who have been stationed in the Gulf to speed up relief. Under the plan, backed by the Turkish government, the troops will organise emergency aid until the United Nations mounts a full-scale operation.

The overworked UN relief office in Turkey has virtually run out of pre-positioned supplies. A UN delegation headed by Eric Suy, a Belgian diplomat, is arriving at the weekend to inspect the camps and will report to Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the secretary-general, next week.

Amid criticism of their tardy response, UN officials here insist they have done everything possible with limited resources and manpower. Under an earlier relief plan begun in anticipation of Gulf hostilities, the UN has given the Turkish Red Crescent £4.5 million since January. This aid has reportedly gone to the Iraqi Kurds. Two groups of local UN officials have visited the camps at Uludere and Cukurca, and have called for urgent international action. The Turkish government has also invited Señor Pérez de Cuéllar to visit the refugees.

The Red Crescent is having difficulties getting its supplies through. One convoy reached Cukurca on Monday with 1,360 tents, 2,500 mattresses, 1,200 blankets and 20 tonnes of dried food, cooking utensils and a mobile kitchen, but the lorries were delayed outside the local governor's office and there were riots when desperate Iraqis tried to storm them. Kurdish refugees have tried to buy everything from shops, offering dinars in payment.

Officials of the International Committee of the Red Cross are also touring the area, and European Community officials arrived in Turkey yesterday to supervise distribution of EC aid of more than £100 million, agreed at the Luxembourg summit.

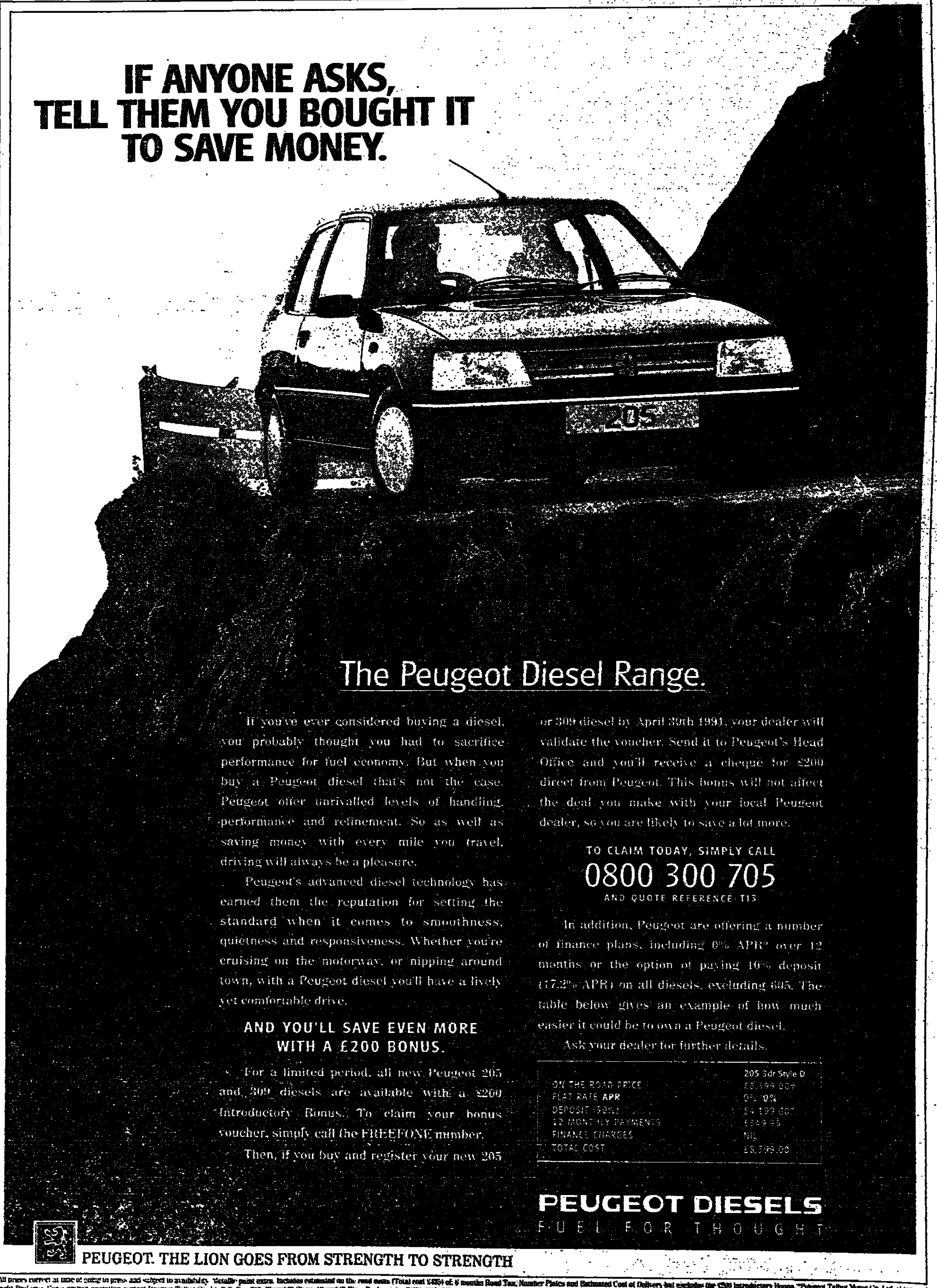
Turks say support can only last short while

From Andrew Finkel in Diyarbakir

HAYRI Kozakcioglu, regional governor of south-eastern Turkey, said yesterday it was impossible to support the Kurdish refugees trapped on the border with Iraq for anything other than a short time. He called for a United Nations peace-keeping force to secure conditions so that the refugees could return home. "Any other solution is a waste of time," he told a press conference in Diyarbakir.

He dismissed reporters' suggestions that Turkey could do more to help by allowing the refugees down from the mountain tops into areas where assistance could be distributed more easily. He said there was nowhere in the vicinity suitable to receive the estimated 400,000 people now squatting in makeshift camps in Sirnak and Hakkari provinces. He described Turkish relief efforts as considerable.

Reports suggest the numbers of Iraqi Kurds arriving in Turkey may be stabilising, though the conditions in which they are trying to survive are deteriorating. There are enormous difficulties in meeting demands for food, medicine, shelter and water, and the number of graves in the improvised cemeteries grows daily.



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Afghan guerrillas put seven captured generals on show

From ZAHID HUSSAIN IN MIRANSHAH ON THE PAKISTAN BORDER

SEVEN senior Afghan generals who were captured by the Mujahedin rebels after the fall of the eastern town of Khost, including General Zahir Solamal, President Najibullah's deputy defence minister, were paraded before journalists in this Pakistani town across the border from Khost. Jalauddin Haqqani, the main commander of the resistance, said that none of the captured generals would be put on trial.

General Solamal, aged 48, who was sent to Khost to review the fighting last month, said that he was prepared to co-operate with the Mujahedin. However, he declined to say anything against Dr Najibullah's government. The guerrillas claim to have captured 2,500 Afghan soldiers. They say that most would be freed after they providing an assurance not to rejoin Kabul's forces.

The Mujahedin forces claim to have increased the pressure on Gardez, the capital city of Paktia province about 50 miles west of Khost. "It will be much easier to liberate Gardez," said Commander Haqqani. Unlike Khost, which is on a plain and did not provide cover to Mujahedin forces from air attack, Gardez is in a valley.

While the Mujahedin groups insist on continuing the military pressure against the Afghan government, their Pakistani patrons have started pushing more strongly for a negotiated political settlement of the long-running conflict. The Pakistani officials maintain that the fall of Khost should provide added impetus to the effort for peace. "The Mujahedin victory in Khost has brightened the prospects for a settlement," a Pakistan foreign ministry spokesman said.

Benson Savon, the United Nations secretary-general's special representative on Afghanistan, who recently discussed the Afghan issue with Pakistan's president and prime minister, said there was a rare opportunity of moving towards an international consensus on resolving the issue. But the main issue before the Pakistani government is how to get the squabbling guerrilla groups together and persuade them to accept some formula for an intra-Afghan dialogue.

Meanwhile, the Afghan air force has intensified its attack on Khost. Air bombardment and Scud attacks from Kabul have further added to the devastation of the city, which has remained under siege for the past 12 years.

Another big success for the Mujahedin in the near future seems doubtful as quarrels among guerrilla groups divide them again. After seizing Khost, the rebels are believed to be squabbling over distribution of war booty. Followers of Gulbeddin Hekmatyar, the leader of the fundamentalist Hezb-e-Islami, boycotted a meeting of the rebel field commanders on Tuesday, accusing Commander Haqqani of breaking their agreement. "It was decided that no one will act as a spokesman, but Haqqani has started acting as the main leader of the commanders," said Nawab Salim, a Hezb-e-Islami leader.

Out of action: General Zahir Solamal, a deputy minister and the most senior general seized in Khost by the Mujahedin, answering reporters' questions

South African hopes blighted by economic ills

From STEPHEN TAYLOR IN CAPE TOWN

SOUTH Africa would become ungovernable within five years if political uncertainty and social unrest continued to blight the country's economic growth, Chris Stals, the governor of the Reserve Bank, has predicted.

Dr Stals, an able and sober technocrat, took analysts aback with the force of his comments at a conference in Italy organised by the Institute for Democratic Alternatives for South Africa. Poor economic performance, which has seen growth drop to less than 1 per cent and inflation in double figures, was directly attributable to political turmoil in South Africa, he said.

Dr Stals indicated that, while it was not the role of the Reserve Bank to foster growth, the situation was too serious for him simply to stand by while political groups were still trying to reach an accommodation. "The monetary policy strategy for the interim period is to prepare for growth," he said. "The question is, of course, will we survive the interim period?"

Many of the factors cited as reasons for low economic growth were in fact symptoms rather than causes of the problem. He said three factors were inhibiting business confidence and foreign investment — political uncertainty, social and industrial unrest, and economic sanctions.

Dr Stals said the "third force" spoken of by the ANC in discussing township violence — a reference to supposed clandestine agents fomenting instability — could in fact be the low economic growth rate. If it continued, the country would be ungovernable by 1995.

"As managers of the economy we find the situation frustrating because it is beyond our control," he said. "It will be impossible to develop South Africa's economic potential before these problems are solved."

Dr Stals's point has been given emphasis by further indications that potential Western investors are being discouraged by the faltering in the negotiation process.

Wayne Mitchell, director of the American Chamber of Commerce, said: "You can scrap apartheid, you can do away with all types of sanctions, but unless political players get their act together investment is not going to happen."

Stagnation of the economy inhibited government spending in last month's budget on social welfare and development where it is pledged to reduce the big inequalities between whites and blacks in education, housing, health and pensions.

Simultaneously, the decline of the gold price has emphasised to economic managers the need to shift the orientation of exports from the traditional mineral base towards manufactured goods.

The government on Wednesday released a package of proposals by the Industrial Development Corporation aimed at making South African exports more competitive. These proposals, which are being studied by the government, would entail modification of long-standing protectionism through import surcharges and would, economists say, also help to bring down inflation.

Tokyo blow to heroine of the left

Tokyo — Takako Doi, leader of Japan's opposition Socialist Democratic Party, who only two years ago was being lionised as the new force in Japanese politics, may be about to resign to take responsibility for her party's dismal showing in last weekend's local elections (*Joanna Pitman writes*).

Even the beleaguered Japan Communist Party won more votes in the Tokyo gubernatorial election than the SDP, which failed to win 10 per cent of the vote. Ms Doi now has the ignominious duty of paying back the registration fee for her candidate.

Tornado toll

Dhaka — At least 60 people were killed when the roof of a textile mill collapsed during a tornado at Scipur, a town 40 miles north of the Bangladesh capital, on Wednesday (*Ahmed Fazl writes*). More than 100 workers were feared trapped and the death toll is expected to rise.

Girl surplus

Hong Kong — Nearly all the babies born in the past 40 years at Gaoyang, in the southern Chinese province of Fujian, have been girls. Of 136 babies born in the village since 1950, only 11 have been boys. The puzzled local officials say that the villagers have similar lifestyles to those in nearby villages. *(Reuter)*

Afrikaners trek to a ghost town

From GAVIN BELL IN ORANIA

THE little town of Orania on the banks of the Orange river is an improbable place for a revolution.

Most of the dilapidated clapboard houses are empty, their gardens strangled by weeds, and the streets are silent except for the incessant buzzing of flies. Deep in the arid scrubland of the northern Cape, it shimmers in the heat with the enigmatic air of a terrestial Mary Celeste.

Tomorrow Afrikaners will flock to this ghost town to resurrect a dream, an independent state reserved exclusively for their own kind. For Orania has been bought lock, stock and decaying barrel by the Afrikaner Volkswag as the nucleus of a proposed homeland stretching north from the Karoo desert to the border with Namibia, and west of the diamond-mining town of Kimberley to the Atlantic coast.

Unlike their forefathers, who trekked from the Cape to escape British rule in the last century, the new settlers will not be bringing black or Coloured servants with them. Incensed by the abolition of apartheid, they are turning their back on the "new" South Africa, and intend to declare independence for the pristine, white *volkstaat* (people's state) of Orania within 18 months.

The grandiose scheme is the brainchild of Carel Boshoff, a professor of theology, Volkswag leader and son-in-law of Hendrik Verwoerd, one of the principal architects of apartheid. Professor Boshoff, aged 63, is an avuncular figure who presents himself as a reasonable man dedicated to preserving the Afrikaner way of life while according similar privileges to other races.

"I am not in the least racist, in the sense of denigrating others," he says. "We are simply insisting on our right to self-determination in our own land, in such a way that others may enjoy the same freedom in theirs. We favour co-operation between a commonwealth of nations, rather than confrontation in a unitary state." However, some of Professor Boshoff's associates expose the blatant racism of his vision. Danie Cronje, deputy president of the Orania development corporation, amused an audience of Afrikaners last week with an anecdote about how he ordered one of his black workers to close his eyes, whereupon he dropped a hammer on the man's head. "It shows you how gullible they are," he concluded.

Almost all the 150 houses in Orania have been bought by Afrikaners who plan to celebrate the official "opening" of the town this weekend with a *braaivleis* (barbecue), followed by speeches and a church service. The guests will not include the 60 Coloured families who, until recently, lived in the town. The residue of a work force employed by the government to build dams and canals for an extensive irrigation system, they were ordered to leave by the development corporation last month, and have been dispatched to an uncertain future in distant townships.

Pieter Fisher, the former principal of Orania school, with 170 pupils, is dismayed by their eviction. "All of us are unhappy, because from what we heard there would be no discrimination between races in the new South Africa, and suddenly this happens to us. We can't understand it."

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Like Mrs Chaplin, who is not only trustworthy and careful about what she says, but has a good brain. Aged 51, she studied economics at Cambridge, and handles phrases like "hard ecu" and "proportional taxation" with delight rather than fear. "The economy does interest me, although I must say that when I first studied economics there was much more belief in the government intervening. I actually think there is very little wrong in a country that cannot be made worse by governments over-intervening."

> *'I hate the idea of statutory women. I would rather be there on my ability'*

The impression is that if Mrs Chaplin could contract out the brushing of her teeth, she would do so. She thinks that the government should provide frameworks, but should not be involved in the details. "Most businesses are run better by businessmen, and most people's lives are run better by people."

That is what Mr Major also thinks. Even government itself is not exempt — he has initiated a wide-ranging review of the way Whitehall operates with a view to contracting out services. Involved in the review: Mrs Chaplin and Sarah Hogg, the head of the Number 10 policy unit, and a former financial journalist.

The prime minister likes nothing better than a touch of the financial about his friends, and in the contents of his kitchen cabinet. Take regular luncheon parties chez Major. The guest list goes like this: Norman Lamont, the Chancellor; David Mellor, chief secretary to the Treasury; Richard Ryder, chief whip; Mrs Hogg and her husband Douglas, a Foreign Office minister; and Mrs Chaplin. The assemblage is often leavened at the last minute by Jeffrey and Mary Archer — otherwise, surely, it would be as interesting to most people as an indecipherable pink graph in the *Financial Times*.

As it turns out, Mrs Chaplin is more widely read than that. She has a copy of *Tribune*, the Labour paper, among piles of reading matter by her desk, in order to know the enemy. For it is the enemy which brought her into politics as a county councillor in Norfolk, and now is pushing her towards Parliament. "I would dislike living under a Labour government again. I disliked it last time, and that's when I started in politics, and I certainly would not wish my children to grow up in that sort of country."

She has four children to worry about, although they have now left home, and looked after them single-handed for ten years after her first marriage broke down. Six years ago she married Michael Chaplin, an architect and Conservative organiser, and at the same time got a second wind in her career. She does not think she could have coped with being an MP when her children were small. "I would not have wished to have been one, either — what is the point of having children if you don't bring them up?"

She observes that some ministers seem to work amazingly long hours, and she is not sure that is entirely productive. Then she says a very un-Chaplinesque thing: "But Parliament is not a business, and you have to be careful because streamlining it could damage the ability of individual members to intervene."

As an individual member of the next Parliament she has little fear of taking on the job. She is used to endless men-in-suits. "I don't foresee it as that difficult. You just know what you want to say and then say it fairly straightforwardly."

She would prefer there to be more women-in-suits too, and even points out that in countries with proportional representation (PR) elections, more women end up with power. She would not support the system for Britain, but there are advantages. "People include women when they're numbering votes on PR lists, but somehow it's all right for women to be at number two, but not number one."

But to be honest, what we are really interested in is women at Number 11. Commentators have often tipped Mrs Chaplin as the first woman Chancellor, and although Mr Major does not have any women in his cabinet, like many men, he likes them in the kitchen (cabinet). "If there had been a woman in the right place at the right time, I know he would have put her in. I hate the idea of statutory women. I would much rather be there on my ability."

Not only is she there on her ability, but she has the badge of office. She may be wearing pearls but she is also wearing a grey suit.

PETER TRIEVNOR

Today Number 10, tomorrow the house next door? Judith Chaplin, head of John Major's political office

Taking stock of relative values

The memoirs of a management expert advise against professional ambition

WHO said this? "Communication is about emotion, not words . . . Education is for growing people, not filling job slots . . . To hazard the solidity and durability of family life for business success seems to me to show a lack of balance . . . Life is about continuously trying to grow." Some new age hippie prophet? A working mother in the caring professions? Well, no. In fact, it was Sir John Harvey-Jones, a former chairman of ICI.

Looming affably above one of his startling ties, he will talk for hours about the excitement and courage, the humour and intellectual challenge of industry, but roundly condemns personal ambition. "I don't like that sort of thing . . . I want flatter hierarchies."

Everyone knows that power corrupts and big business dehumanises, and that becoming a media celebrity is even worse for a man's character and humility. You would not expect to read, therefore, in the memoirs of a multinational chairman and Bafta-winning television presenter that he abhors ambition, deplores corporate politics and considers his whole life to have been a quest, only partially successful, to be a better person with good family relationships. Or at least, if you do read it you do not expect to believe it. Anyone living in the wealthier shires is familiar with the figure of Ye Olde Retired Tycoon, who disguises his steel-trap mind and bloodstained past by pottering around like Lord Emsworth expressing a simple-hearted love of humankind.

BUT cynicism melts away in the face of Sir John's gentle and startlingly honest memoir, *Getting It Together* (published on Monday by Heinemann, £17.50). He is, he really is, like that. Those who saw his genial assaults on bumbling companies in the BBC's *Troubleshooter* series warmed to him as a forthright and humorous management expert; this life story will confirm him as a sort of business Betjeman, "teddy bear to the nation". Indeed, the parallel with Sir John Betjeman is seductive: the self-doubt is there, the melancholia, the affection for country things, the faint mockery. At times you have to shake yourself, look at the old ICI publicity picture of him scowling, and remind yourself that this teddy bear headed an organisation of 130,000 people, and turned it round from a bad patch to what he ironically calls "The Magic One Thousand Million Pound Profit".

Now, though, he wants to talk about personal growth. His main theme is the futility of letting professional ambition sabotage your life. His daughter, Gaby, collapsed with polio in 1955 at the age of four, and was taken terrified to hospital on a Saturday. Only an hour's visiting a day was allowed, and his wife had no transport. But the Admiralty demanded he get back to work — he was then in Naval Intelligence — on the Monday. Nothing, he decided, was worth such an attitude to the realities of human suffering.

He left the Navy for ICI to get a more regular family life, and, for a while, had it. But at one point he enjoyed work so much he lost his perspective. Sir John starkly describes the time when he was rising through the ranks as sales manager: "I started to behave politically — not dishonourably, I hope, but deliberately seeking to demonstrate that I was better than others. I played at tycoons, threw myself into jet-set life, drinking and nightclubbing. I neglected my wife and daughter and took them for granted. In that brief period I messed up my family life badly."

Sir John Harvey-Jones

He gets this off his chest like a terrible confession: but, when you think about it, what he describes is for many corporate executives a normal existence.

There are books — increasingly aimed at women — on how to get on: telling us to present ourselves carefully, play politics, socialise for business's sake and put home life on the back burner. Sir John dislikes such advice. "What's the point? Organisations used to believe they had bought you body and soul. But the ones which succeed in the future will be the ones which adapt to the needs of their people."

He mended his family life with care, but still feels flawed, at points guilty, and not quite grown-up. But he knows what he wants to be when he is: he has known since he was seven. "A sort of *Boys' Own Paper* composite, the archetypal British gentleman — simultaneously strong and compassionate, stiff-lipped yet emotional, courageous both physically and morally, doing incessantly to others as you would be done to yourself." He would be horrified to hear it, but he has got closer than some.

LIBBY PURVES

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Some advice about vice

A radio series looks at why religion and sex have often been unhappy bedfellows

Even today, some people believe that sex and sin are synonymous. How much more this was the case a century ago can be judged from a BBC Radio 4 series, starting next week, on 150 years of "delicate, improving and uplifting advice about sex".

In the 1890s Sylvanus Stall, a doctor of divinity and the author of *What a Young Boy Ought to Know*, was in no doubt of the dangers of sex: "After congress, the male loses his appetite. Great physical changes result. The skin which covers his shrunken body changes in colour, his nature becomes irritable and resentful, and he indulges in fierce combat with his fellows."

Malcolm Love, a producer with BBC radio's religious department, is responsible for the series. Mr Love says that, in the early 16th century, Sir Thomas More showed a prospective suitor into the room where his two daughters were sleeping, threw off their bedclothes, and invited him to choose. Three centuries later, he says, a wife asked to identify her husband after an accident did not know of a tattoo on his back because she had never seen him naked. "How on earth did we arrive at this prudery?" Mr Love says.

The four-part series investigates sex advice, courtship and marriage from the last century onwards. The presenter, Dr John Post, an archivist in the Public Records Office, found that although "agony aunts" of the Victorian age were presented with similar problems to modern counsellors, they believed in inculcating wisdom through fear.

Dr Stall's reply to a man who asked whether he should renounce the "pleasures of love" when he passed 50 was: "Assuming you want to stay alive, you should. After 50 years of age, a man of sense ought to renounce the pleasures of love. Each time he allows himself this gratification is a pellet of earth thrown upon his coffin."

The Rev M.C. Hobbs wrote in 1927 that he liked to pour cold water on his genitals to "brace up and strengthen the parts concerned". But most perceived the benefits of the cold shower in a different light, hence the series' title: *A Short History of the Cold Shower*.

According to Dr Post, the traditional remedy for "sexual suffering" disguised a "long history of misguided, bizarre and sometimes terrifying advice given by doctors and religious moralists with peculiar imaginations and little understanding of human nature".

Most sexual advice last century was given by men. Asked whether it was normal for women to initiate sex, one man said the idea was abhorrent: "In married life, all sexual aggressiveness is with the male. Wives seldom seek the closer embraces of their husband. They are genuinely indifferent and often absolutely averse."

RUTH GLEDHILL

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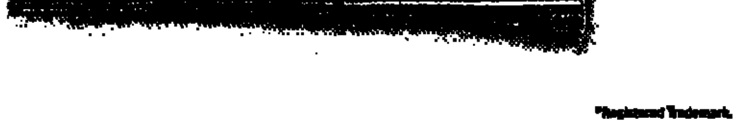

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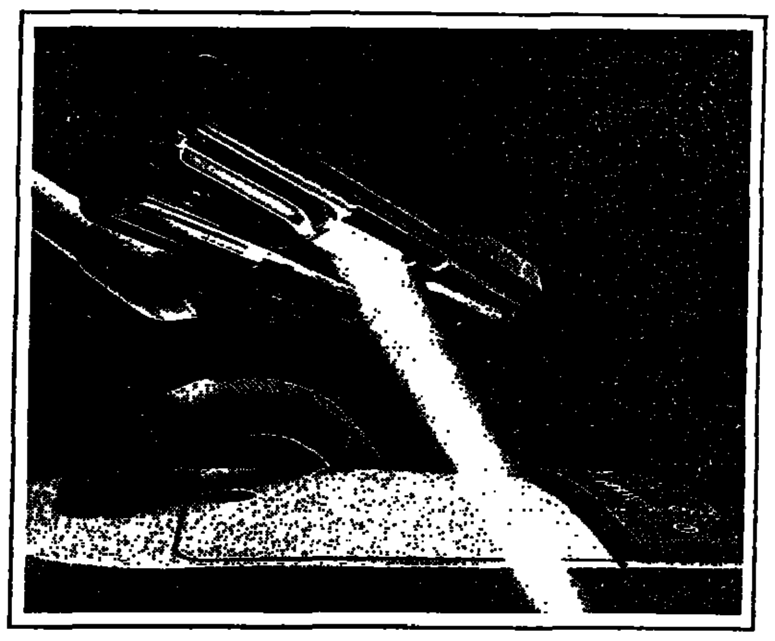

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How teachers got lost in the exam fog

New testing in primary schools will not work without a change of heart in the education profession, says **Janet Daley**

If you were at school 30 years ago, you may wonder why such a palaver of pupil record sheets, teacher handbooks and school collation sheets are required by the new standard assessment task (SAT) tests, just to ask a seven-year-old how much it costs to buy three loaves of bread at 50p each. You may recall, as I do, having a spelling and an arithmetic test every Friday, the results of which were available to your parents. Such routine testing, which allowed every child to follow his own progress (or the teacher to notice his lack of it) was swept away by ideology.

Militants in the National Union of Teachers are unlikely to push through a boycott of the tests in the union's ballot, though even moderate teachers seem daunted by the paperwork that has thudded on to the desks of primary-school heads. But has the profession not brought this upon itself?

Teachers drove parents to a frenzy of frustration by rejecting all forms of testing in the crucial early years of school, *while surrounding their own practices with* mystification. The result is that they are now faced with a national system of testing imposed by education bureaucrats. Inevitably, it is too elaborate and less responsive to children's needs than the old-fashioned simple tests.

Teachers give a number of reasons for their resistance to testing. One is that tests isolate skills from the practice of learning through experience. Another is that testing can be traumatic for children who "fail". Both of these arguments arise from the theoretical fashions of the past 20 years.

Learning by experience is the most sacred tenet of what is known in the profession as "good primary practice". It involves presenting children with a topic (transport for example) which they can approach in any way that interests them. Thus, reading, observing, writing and computation can be incorporated into a process that the child has initiated. Literacy and numeracy become by-products of an *unstressful project that is in* touch with real life.

Project work, had it remained an enjoyable sideline of primary teaching, could only have enriched children's learning. Instead, it became the be-all and end-all of classroom technique. The only acceptable way to offer basic skills was *to weave them invisibly into a* package of "experience". Examination in the separate skills was anathema because it undermined this integrated approach.

A generation passed before what had been lost became apparent. Children who were given an open-ended brief to pursue their interest *in a topic had little sense of goals* or objectives. Skills taught in isolation might have seemed dull, but they offered clearly defined paths for achievement. But perhaps the most serious loss was of techniques for the perfecting of skills. If you do not teach spelling as such, you are never likely to *pass on the rules that make* good spelling and writing easier. The end of systematic teaching of grammar meant that children did not learn what it meant to split an infinitive. Indeed, because didactic teaching was ruled out in favour of the child's explorations, all the shortcuts teachers used to give to pupils were thrown out. "Individual learning" amounted to was forcing every child to reinvent the wheel (which is why so much of the primary school day seemed *a waste of time to parents*).

Egalitarianism was one of the goals of progressive primary schooling: hence the objection to tests that might favour the socially privileged. Children who saw themselves as failures at infant school, the argument went, were likely to go on to fulfil their own low expectations. In fact, the effect of progressive teaching was the opposite. Pupils who did not have parental help at home could no longer feel confident in their use of written English. School was reinforcing social disadvantage.

By hiding any possibility of failure from the children, teachers were concealing from themselves the failings of their own approach. They protested they were not interested in anything as crass as measured attainment. Thei ing had encouraged them to the "process" of learning wa important than the outcom when the pupils left school d discover that the real wor the outcome of education important indeed.

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Rhetoric and all that rot

Philip Howard

Unemployment has now reached the leafy lanes of Surrey, heartland of the new, prosperous Britain. "Such things were not meant to happen." I flickered when I read that the other day. Who did not mean them to happen? Is this a teleological argument, observing the regularity and order of Surrey, and concluding that these must be the work of some grand suburban designer, who has now slipped up? Newspapers are the modern schools of rhetoric, and are as full of dodgy arguments as the ancient law courts and forum. When rhetoric was part of the national curriculum in the Middle Ages, we studied such tricks, and were arguably less gullible.

They used to classify these false arguments, to make it easier for listeners and readers to spot them in editorials. *Argumentum ad baculum*, argument to a big stick, was an argument employing an implicit or explicit threat. In *The Godfather*, when the mafioso obeys the instruction to "make him an offer he can't refuse" he is using an argument *ad baculum*, or rod, in rod's modern slang sense of pistol. When politicians make chauvinist and xenophobic and string-'em-all-up remarks, they are using an argument *ad populum*, appealing to irrational fears and hatreds that are close to the surface in raw human nature.

The *argumentum ad hominem* rejects a person's views by abusing his personality, character, motives, intentions, qualifications and so on. "We should not believe his views on Europe. He is a vain and embittered man with a grievance." He may (or may not be) vain and bitter. But there is no necessary connection between his vanity and bitterness and his views on Europe. The *argumentum ad hominem* (like the *argumentum ad populum*) is a favourite device of leader writers in the cheaper newspapers.

The *argumentum ad crumenam*, or argument to the purse, is one touching the hearer's pocket. An electioneering budget is an *argumentum ad crumenam*, and most elections in democracies have a strong element of this old argument. It may not be idealistic, but it is the way people vote. One's purse is a selfish argument, but it is less mucky than many others. When Herbert Hoover promised a chicken in every pot (there is, in fact, no evidence that he did, and considerable evidence that he did not), he was attacked by priggish Democrats, and has been ever since. Even our own dear Labour party has come round to the notion that there is nothing actually sinful in trying to put chickens in every pot, and that voters like chicken.

The *argumentum ad verecundiam* is an argument to authority. "It must be true that there is really no such thing as society, because Mrs Thatcher said so." A statement is generally true or false, or more usually partly true, partly false, irrespective of who says it. But appeals to authority or the famous are still a popular form of argument. Much of the advertising industry works on *argumentum ad verecundiam*. It seeks to persuade the gullible to use a lipstick or aftershave because some idol of the moment is prepared to say (for a large fee) that he or she uses the cheap and nasty pong.

You can classify dozens more of these dodgy arguments and informal fallacies. How shall we classify the one we started with: the assertion that unemployment was not meant to happen in leafy Surrey? By the pricking of my thumbs, something rarer than a fallacy this way comes. I suspect a new meaning coming from across the Atlantic: German-Americans translating their *hoffentlich* (it is to be hoped) as hopefully, may have been at it again. *Meinen* in German is a less strong word than our "mean". Its primary meanings are to think, reckon, expect. *Wenn du meinst*: if you like, I don't mind. It is possible that in "such things were not meant to happen in Surrey" we have the new, weaker, American use of "meant", suggesting only that one does not expect that kind of thing in Surrey of all places.

When reading the newspapers, or listening to advertisers or politicians, one should keep one's ears open and one's eyes narrowed, and a grip on one's old rhetoric *baculum*.

David Owen, former foreign secretary, says we must be prepared to defend the new Kurdish ha

Building on Major's triump

The American decision to tell Iraq not to use helicopters or fixed-wing aircraft north of the 36th parallel is a great shift in policy, for which John Major deserves much of the credit. In effect, a safe haven has been created covering almost a sixth of Iraqi territory and including the cities of Irbil and Mosul. There are fresh reports that Iraqi forces using tanks, helicopters and artillery have attacked the Kurds near Irbil. If these are confirmed, then allied aircraft will have to respond.

Even so, American and British military aircraft should now be flying urgent emergency supplies to this safe haven. No number of parachute drops can deliver the food, shelter and medical supplies needed by the stricken Kurds. This is something I specifically asked the prime minister to set in hand on April 3 and called for in a letter to *The Times* the following day. Contingency planning was probably already under way in Whitehall, but at that stage the view of the allied coalition was that our forces should not interfere, even to support a humanitarian initiative.

All the evidence is that John Major — far from acting as a wimp, as some of his more ludicrous critics pretend — acted with exceptional power and precision. He used every diplomatic channel to try to convince Washington that the scale of the attack on the Kurds demanded a different response from that which had seemed appropriate during the previous week. On Friday April 5, President Bush changed his position and announced that military aircraft would drop supplies into the Iraqi mountains under military escort. However, he was still saying that the American forces could intervene only in very restricted ways.

On Monday, sensing that the urgency of the situation had not yet been appreciated in Washington, Mr Major flew to Luxembourg for the emergency European summit and unveiled his proposal for an "enclave", having given the French and Germans prior warning of his intentions. As far as the Americans were concerned, this was a deliberate but well-judged bounce. They had become used to having Britain move only in concert with themselves, and under normal circumstances, that would have been the right way for us to conduct ourselves. But the situation is exceptional.

Still they wait: a Kurdish family on the Turkish border, where parachute drops are failing to fill bellies

Knowing there was a risk that Mr Bush's advisers would dismiss the British proposition before giving it serious consideration, Mr Major was right to keep it secret from them and to launch it with a flourish at the European summit. Once he had made it public and been supported by the EC, the Americans could not strangle the initiative at birth. It still has some way to go, however, before it receives formal endorsement from the UN Security Council.

Mr Bush has come a long way in the last week. One of the reasons for his change of position is a shift of opinion in the United States from concern about bringing the boys home as soon as possible to horror about what is happening to the Kurds. American public opinion has now caught up with opinion in Europe, and consciences are engaged in a way that will allow Mr Bush to deploy whatever military force is needed to ensure that aid for the Kurds gets through.

It is incredible, given this achievement, that the BBC should have given such prominence to piffling criticism of Mr Major and his policy, by people of little substance.

Mr Major has taken a oughly worthwhile, radica adventurous foreign policy tive that will probably succ preventing helicopter gu from slaughtering Kurdish ians. Without this there is n slightest chance of persuadi hundreds of thousands of to come down from the covered mountains and go b northern Iraq. We shoul quietly pleased to see that B is still capable of respo independently and taking a proposing something which easily have been scuppe world opinion, but which n some chance of achieving a while humanitarian aim.

Mr Bush, Mr Majo President Mitterrand have c erable military power i region, particularly when th working as closely as they a President Ozal of Turkey. the ceasefire resolution, the have power in the security co to veto the lifting of econ sanctions against Iraq. should be sufficient to enfo safe haven for the Kurds.

It may be possible to further and more specif resolutions, though give sensitivity about non-inte there may be circumsta which we feel *it* wiser challenge the security c members with another sp resolution. Even so, if we are to take it, the humanitarian lution, number 688, already us sufficient authority.

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ALAN COREN

Of all the departure lounges in all the airports in all the world, she had to walk into mine. As a matter of fact, she had to run into mine; but even then she was too late. What made her too late was that I had run into it just before her.

This was not the Casablanca airstrip in 1941, mind, this was Heathrow in 1991; but while the difference between them might seem considerable, you must remember this: an airport is still an airport, as time goes by. Which is to say that, just as Bogart's Dakota was overbooked then, so my Boeing was overbooked now. I did not, though, know that it was, when I arrived to check in for flight BA 342 — until the check-in advised me to stir my stumps, because the flight had been overbooked, and the last call had been called, and if I were to start mucking about in, say, Duty Free, musing perhaps on the relative appeals of Glenfiddich and Smirnoff, then I might well find myself nudged out of the winner's enclosure. I therefore galloped straight to the departure lounge, got processed, and collapsed into a chair.

A scant minute later, she fetched up, panting, at the gate: one of those young women on whom panting has always looked much better than it does on me. It could, however, not help her now. Chagrin suffused the attendant's face, you could see that if it were up to him he would gladly have pushed her to Nice in a wheelbarrow, but there was nothing he could do.

Spectating this, my heart, so recently preoccupied with banging itself against my hurtling ribs, now changed gear into a more poignant (though no less risky) rhythm. It melted. For she did not rant, or curse, or stamp her foot, as you or I would have done: she sighed, she shrugged, she smiled a brief wan smile. She was, in short, behaving not so much with decorum as with resignation. She was clearly someone to whom this was but the last in a long line of tragic setbacks. She walked slowly to the window; she stared silently at the plane she could not board. Rarely can there have been a sadder stare, nor one more fraught with imponderable subtext. It came from beneath a low-brimmed yellow hat, but I shall not describe her further, since those romantic men among my readers whose empathy I wish to enlist will prefer to dispose beneath that hat such features as they personally deem optimum. I shall say only that as far as the *quality* of the features was concerned, imagine something that would leave Ingrid Bergman at the post, and you will not go far wrong.

Was she fleeing from? To? Both? Were the VAT-SS on her lissom heels, the DVLC, *Reader's Digest*? Might Victor Laszlo be in the lounge behind me, disguised beneath a ginger wig, not daring to contact her? But before I could mull further, I was hauled from musing by an announcement from the desk: "This flight has been overbooked, and we have someone who urgently needs to get to Nice. Is there any passenger who would be prepared to take a slightly later flight, via Geneva?

At this, there was a lot of coughing and hemming and hawing, but no more than that. A couple of minutes passed, racking me: I did not want to get a later flight via Geneva, I was not even wearing a trenchcoat or a trilby, but you will never know how much I wanted to walk across to the sad-faced girl and growl: "I'm not good at being noble. But it doesn't take much to see that the problems of two little people don't amount to a hill of beans in this crazy world. Some day you'll understand that; not now. Here's looking at you, kid." And give her my boarding card.

I rose from my chair, slowly. Too slowly, by a nanosecond: for, as my knees straightened, the desk came back on to its microphone: "If any passenger is prepared to take the later flight," it said, having obviously had a bit of a think, "British Airways would be prepared to offer Denied-Boarding Compensation of £100."

You would not believe how easy it is to round up the usual suspects; just as they had sprinted to the gate to get on to the plane, so now they sprinted to the gate to get off it. I felt their slipstream tug my hair.

I did not, of course, enter the contest. That is not how I wished her to remember me. I did not want her, some day, to understand that what the problems of two little people in this crazy world amounted to was a hundred quid.

DIARY

Voice of America?

George Bush may deny that he incited the Kurds, but just who is behind the radio broadcasts with which Iraq has been bombarded calling on the Kurds to rebel? Ever since the war ended, Voice of Free Iraq, based in Saudi Arabia, has been broadcasting 12 hours of propaganda a day at the Iraqis. "Saddam and his clique are mud. Cleanse Baghdad of the filth of Saddam and his henchmen," is a *typical example* of its output.

Despite the crudity of the language, the sophistication of the operation, run on six frequencies, has led many to suspect American co-operation, possibly through the CIA. The BBC's monitoring unit at Caversham is convinced that outside intelligence forces have been involved. Richard Measham, the BBC's manager of world broadcasting information, says: "This is much more sizeable than the usual clandestine radio operation. This sort of operation cannot be done from that part of the world without substantial financial backing and support."

The station was set up when Kurdish businessmen and lobbyists were persuaded, apparently by the Saudis, to lend their voices to the broadcasts calling on their compatriots in Iraq to rise against Saddam. They were flown to Jedda, installed in luxury hotels and ferried to and from the radio station under armed guard. From there they issued their exhortations, offering promises that the allies would stand by them.

Stanfield Turner, a former CIA director, says: "Their general category of propaganda includes radio broadcasts. It's within the scope of the CIA." Phillip Knightley, the author, is even more adamant. "It is an obvious CIA plot. The CIA was behind Radio Free Europe, which urged the Hungarians to stage the 1956 uprising; radio is one of the CIA's favourite propaganda techniques."

Washington yesterday refused to discuss the matter, but even if the CIA were involved, individuals might be acting without higher authority. If caught, they might claim, with some justification, that they are simply carrying out the president's wishes. After all, it was only seven weeks ago that Bush was telling the world: "There's another way for the bloodshed to stop and that is for the Iraqi people to take the matter into their own hands and force Saddam Hussein, the dictator, to step down."

● *The ultimate in green packaging: a firm in Illinois has abandoned polystyrene chips and packs all its goods in popcorn. "Recipients can then feed the popcorn to the ducks or birds instead of dumping the non-biodegradable styrofoam into the landfill." Clever ducks if they can taste the difference.*

Oven gloves

Frank Bruno may be hanging up his gloves, but it seems he already has an alternative career lined up. The heavyweight boxer will abandon the ring for the kitchen next month, when he will demonstrate his culinary skills in his own cookery school at London's Langham Hilton Hotel.

During the day-long course Bruno will prepare a variety of dishes, including one of his favourites, a savoury meatloaf called Frank's Knuckleduster. Those expecting delicate souffles to rise may be disappointed. "Frank likes bashing bits of steak about," says his kitchen assistant Julie Robertson.

Called to account

How many of you are planning to break the third commandment this weekend? Such questions may soon be posed on the nation's airwaves as part of the Church of England's first national advertising campaign following deregulation. The slogan is one of several first presented to Church House last year by the West Midlands advertising agency Cogent. The bid was then unsuccessful, but the agency's deputy chairman, Mike Fox, has decided that it is time to try again, what with a new Archbishop of Canterbury who is thought to be far more receptive to such ideas, and the Easter radio campaign by the Bishop of Lichfield.

Another proposed ad declares: "The money is diabolical. The hours are ungodly. It's a miracle anybody does it. The Church of England clergy: it's a hell of a job." Beneath a picture of the Zeebrugge disaster, a third carries the "Sometimes God's will is explain. If you'd like to tr like to hear form you."

Church house remains ca has agreed to look at the pa tion, although at present it advertising budget. "We'd cost daunting, to say the says broadcasting officer Forbes. "On the other ha advertising could cost us m

Shades of Green

If Graham Greene's pu are contemplating the tory collected edition oeuvre, they should not o his own self-parodies in th of the *New Statesman*. Ac to Steve Platt, who was co yesterday as the magazin editor, over the years pseudonymously entered competitions in which were invited to parody h On three occasions he won including one in 1949 competition asking for th ing lines of a spoof Green That is preserved in print, unsuccessful entries have to posterity. The judges d them as unconvincing im of the great man's work.

● *Leslie Grantham, the* star of EastEnders, *who* Rick's Bar Casablanca *on End stage on Wedne worried sick about the una comparisons with the m made the part famous, H Bogart. "I'm playing it n Ingrid Bergman," he jo vously at the first-night p George Raft might have better comparison. Acco* The Oxford Book of Mo ecdotes, *which will be next month, Bogart w seventh choice to play Raft turned it down be didn't "want to star op unknown Swedish broad*

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The zoo's sisters, the big London museums, live with the dilemma of reconciling their existence as centres of research with their role as providers of educational or leisure services to the public. In the case of museums, the relationship between the collections on display and research into antiquities is obvious. The Natural History Museum is a centre of excellence in paleontology only because it has a superb fossil collection. Each institution must balance its public and possibly commercial interests with those of scholarship.

No calculus exists to help this balance, any more than it does the balance between teaching and research in a university. Fashions both in the arts and in science change. In the case of zoology, the emphasis now is on the conservation of rare animals, preferably in the wild. Were the zoological society to start a collection from scratch, it would probably concentrate on the breeding and rearing of endangered species.

If the zoological society simply cannot sustain the inevitable compromises and tensions between display and research, there is a case for somebody else being asked to take on the zoo. The government can sensibly act as midwife in the transfer of the property and animals to other ownership. It has given the zoo enough money to justify its involvement. In these circumstances, the zoo would be accorded trustee status like the other museums and given an annual grant, notionally to cover its research activities.

Clearly the existing lurch from crisis to crisis cannot continue. Clearly there is an institution of value in Regent's Park whose contribution to public enjoyment and learning should be retained. The balance between private and public investment, cross-subsidy and commerce, education and research must be struck. The government should no longer feel ideologically hamstrung. It should save the pandas, now.

ARMS AND THE POOR

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Germany is also reviewing its aid with a view to using financial leverage to reduce arms trafficking. The rest of the industrialised world should follow suit, like Japan, in forthright public commitments.

Tokyo has never provided military aid. But in the past, it has insisted more than most that its development aid was morally neutral. Japan was the first to resume aid to China after Tiananmen Square. Japan will now tell China that both its domestic military spending and its arms exports will be taken into account. Mr Kaifu explicitly added that Japanese criteria will also include government efforts at "democratisation" and commitment to human rights.

Since the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, Western donors have begun to talk openly about what Douglas Hurd has called "good governance" and even whispered criticism of arms spending in private meetings with Third World ministers. Once the West set political conditions for aid to the former communist countries, it could hardly ignore political abuse, corruption and waste in the Third World. The World Bank set a new tone in November 1989 when it told Africa, the most aid-dependent region, to put its political house in order. But this political conditionality is too weak when it comes to arms spending.

Western governments lament "excessive" arms spending, an elastic concept which allows for flexibility about a country's assumed security needs — and for business as usual for the arms merchants. Japan now says it will allocate aid in inverse proportion to the growth in a recipient's military budget. Britain should use its position as host to the Western economic summit in London this July to press for unqualified endorsement of that principle.

BEYOND THE FRINGE

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Lobbyists who aim to affect policy rather than to gain publicity eschew bombast. They live or die by the soundbite. If they make use of the vernacular — as in "wimp" or "wobbly" — they risk impaling on the stake of disloyalty. On the other hand, a consistently low profile courts a lack of support from members and other interest groups on whose donations a pressure group must rely to survive. Even a word processor costs money. To paraphrase Lloyd George, a fully equipped think tank costs as much to keep up as two Challengers; think tanks are just as great a terror, and they tend to last longer.

To sustain this balance, especially in a party as obsessed with loyalty and unity as the Tories, is not easy. But think tanks and party pressure groups are a vital part of policy development. No idea of any merit has ever emerged from an intellectual collective. The pamphleteers and seminarists are the rootstock of political change. They are vital if politics is not to descend into passing banality.

The symbiotic relationship between the BBC and the dissidents of the political lobby circuit is noted by David Owen on the page opposite. The delights of a good rumpus ought not to override the duty to question the credentials of lobbyists. A free market in political ideas is an excellent thing. But those who claim the political equivalent of royal endorsement (in the case of the Bruges Group, from Mrs Thatcher) should be expected to adhere to an unofficial trades descriptions act. Those who break this unwritten law will return to the obscurity whence the press once plucked them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Secure conditions for the Kurds

From the Chairman of the Minority Rights Group

Sir, The Kurds of Iraq desperately need humanitarian relief and specific territorial security. The proposal to create an "enclave" for Kurdish refugees within Iraq (report, April 9) is unlikely to provide such protection.

This proposal implicitly acknowledges the Kurds' territorial rights within Iraq, but it also confines the Kurds to a limited and as yet unspecified area of territory. Such an enclave is likely to become merely an extension of the present misery and squalor of the refugee camps and cannot provide a viable long-term solution.

A "zone of security" might be one such solution. To be effective it should encompass the following points:

It should be of a sufficient size to house the Kurdish population and be largely based on areas traditionally inhabited by the Kurds, i.e., before the 1988 deportation.

It should not be confined to the mountains of northern Iraq but contain lowland areas suitable for habitation, allowing access by road and air for transport of supplies and future self-sufficiency.

It should receive physical and military protection from a UN peace-keeping force with particular emphasis on freedom from air attack.

Relief operations should be coordinated by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and other UN agencies, and should be the subject of regular reporting to the UN Security Council.

It should be seen not merely as a temporary measure to relieve the present crisis but as a step towards more permanent and long-lasting rights for the Kurds of Iraq and for other minorities of Iraq.

When this has been achieved the world should turn its attention to ensuring that the human rights (civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights) of Kurds are protected in all of Iraq, Iran and Turkey.

Yours sincerely,
ROLAND OLIVER, Chairman,
Minority Rights Group.
379 Brixton Road, SW9.
April 11.

From Mr P. E. Browne

Sir, Is there such a thing as an *unsafe* haven?

Yours faithfully,
P. E. BROWNE,
101 Ashton Street,
Trowbridge, Wiltshire.
April 10.

Wilding recalled

From Mr F. R. Lockyer

Sir, The skills of Dorothy Wilding as a royal photographer were used in the production of stamps well before 1953 saw the release in this country of the "Wilding" definitives of the Queen mentioned by G. Gneditch (April 1).

Wilding's full-face portrait of King George VI, as an Admiral of the Fleet, can be seen on colonial stamps as well as the special stamp commemorating the royal visit to Canada in 1939. For full measure, another Wilding photograph of Queen Elizabeth (now the Queen Mother) was used for one of two definitives; the other featured a Peter North portrait of the King, issued in Australia on May 12, 1937 — Coronation Day.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD LOCKYER
(General Secretary),
The King George VI
Collectors Society,
24 Stourwood Road,
Southbourne,
Bournemouth, Dorset.
April 3.

Friendly persuasion

From Mr Michael Wyatt

Sir, The president of Mr Peter Davies's Canadian oil company (letter, April 3) should surely be addressed as "Dear Gusher".

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL WYATT,
8 Wilberforce Road,
Cambridge.
April 3.

Correctness of Dr Carey's selection

From the Right Reverend Colin Buchanan

Sir, Mr Longley's speculation (April 8) about the appointment of Dr George Carey would actually allow *both* the reported "unanimity" of the Crown Appointments Commission *and* the "nervous little rumour" (that the commission would have preferred Dr Habgood) to be true simultaneously.

His scenario is one where the commission met in a mood which was calculating what Mrs Thatcher would or would not accept or do. This is totally contrary to all the public rationales for the commission, which (in rough terms) go like this: "The Church of England has its own commission which does the short-listing, and the PM can only function with that shortlist.".

This rationale, the best that can be provided for a relative spiritual independence of the Church, is completely sabotaged if it can possibly be thought that the PM's mind, intentions, likes or dislikes, is an influence on the shortlisting.

Is Mr Longley saying that the commission admits the influence of the prime minister upon the making and ranking of its choice? If so, and if he is right, the authority and work of the Crown Appointments Commission are gravely undermined. In either case, I do not see how the commission, under its oaths of secrecy, can easily repair the damage that has been done.

I am also puzzled at what the alleged plot was supposed to secure. If Dr Carey was *intended* to be passed over in favour of Dr Habgood, how were the "Evangelical mafia" to be mollified by the appointment? No one could possibly reveal that Dr Carey had been the unanimous choice of the commission *in order that* Mrs Thatcher should select no 2 on the list; but there would have been no benefit, not even a cosmetic one, without such an announcement. And if the commission really preferred Dr Habgood but wanted, for impenetrable, Machiavellian reasons, to put Dr Carey's name first, then would they not have been wise at least to have ensured a split vote, so as to drop the hint more firmly?

My own guess is that the commission acted in a much straighter way than Mr Longley suggests; but, like him, I am at the mercy of rumours. What is certain is that the system, rickety and interim as it is, cannot long survive such damaging speculation.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN BUCHANAN,
St Mark's Vicarage,
173 Canterbury Street,
Gillingham, Kent.
April 8.

From the Secretary of the Crown Appointments Commission

Sir, Clifford Longley's mischievous article contains assumptions about the Crown Appointments Commission's activities which can be none other than purely hypothetical.

Whenever the commission meets, and it was no different for the vacancy in Canterbury than for any other, its members undertake that they will not disclose anything of the contents of its meetings to other parties at any time. I am confident that, despite some press efforts to offer the odd sprat in the hope of catching a mackerel, they strive to honour that undertaking.

It follows that press reporting such as Mr Longley's is no more than idle speculation and your readers should not believe it to be otherwise.

Yours faithfully,
HECTOR McLEAN, Secretary,
Crown Appointments Commission,
Fielden House,
Little College Street,
Westminster, SW1.
April 8.

Religion in schools

From Mr Anthony M. V. Coombs, MP for Wyre Forest (Conservative)

Sir, Professor J. M. Hull's recent advice on religious education sent out by the Department of Education and Science (letter, April 2) is evidence that unless corrective action is taken urgently, my longstanding fears that schools will ignore the practical implications of the Education Reform Act will be amply justified.

During the passage of the bill, during the winter of 1987-8, Mr Michael Allison, MP, Baroness Cox and others, including myself, wanted to ensure that religious education reflected a Christian view and that the kind of relative comparative religion shading into blatant secularism was banished from the classroom. As later amended, the bill insisted that the agreed syllabuses should reflect the fact that religious traditions in Britain are in the main Christian.

A careful reading of the DES advice assures me that, although (as Professor Hull points out) "*precise* (my emphasis) balance of the content would need to be determined locally", this takes place within the overall constraint that such content should be predominantly Christian.

To interpret the phrase as confirming "the existing position" in schools, many of which relegate Christianity to a minor role in the social and moral education course, points to either purblindness or disingenuousness.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY COOMBS,
House of Commons.

Ballet prices

From Mr John Faulkner

Sir, Mr Varcoe-Cocks (March 28) recognises the service that the Entertainment Corporation has done for international classical ballet but complains about ticket prices and casting information. We supply free daily cast sheets, but our Soviet colleagues prefer not to confirm casting until the day of performance.

We always ensure that there are many lower-priced tickets. In 1989 and 1990 the price range was from £8.50, with many tickets under £55. If Mr Varcoe-Cocks has recently paid £65 for a normal performance he should change his ticket agent.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FAULKNER (Consultant),
The Entertainment Corporation
Group Holdings plc,
9 Great Newport Street, WC2.

Prison verdict

From Mr L. Dennis Perrett

Sir, "Anyone who has been to an English public school and served in the ranks of the British army is quite at home in a Third World prison", said freed Roger Cooper. Quite. You, however, in your report of April 3, chose to omit the word "ranks", thus diminishing the piquant flavour of Mr Cooper's verdict.

Yours faithfully,
L. DENNIS PERRETT,
1 Roundwood Park,
Harpenden,
Hertfordshire.
April 3.

Security of tenure

From Professor Graham Zellick

Sir, In saying (report, March 28) that the judgment of the High Court in the Page case on security of tenure for academic staff at the University of Hull "has serious implications for the country's 48 universities" and that university staff appointed before the Education Reform Act "will be protected by the judgment", your education editor seriously misstates the effect and implications of the decision.

The decision turns on the specific wording of the University of Hull's statutes and has no implication for those universities and colleges whose statutes are worded differently. Many statutes do not confer tenure in any shape or form and staff in these institutions will *not have acquired it by virtue of this judgment.*

Some claims to tenure may be based on purely contractual, as opposed to statutory terms, but these too are unaffected by the Page case. One significant difference is that, whereas in statutory cases the institution will actually be debarred from acting contrary to the statutes and a purported dismissal will therefore be ineffective, in contractual cases the remedy sounds in damages only, with the plaintiff's common-law duty to mitigate his loss.

In short, this decision, even if it is not overturned on appeal, is of limited importance, holding no significance for university staff generally.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM ZELLICK (Principal),
Queen Mary and Westfield College,
Mile End Road, E1.

Medicine and the law

From Dr Neville Davis

Sir, Dr Shackleton Bailey's anxiety (April 6) about non-medically qualified coroners' reliance on "unsworn and unexamined" autopsy reports by pathologists no doubt stems from his long experience, but at least the pathologists are trained specialists.

However, many more medico-legal examinations are carried out on the living than on the dead, and these are by no means invariably performed by doctors with adequate training and assessment. They occur in relation to both criminal and civil matters, the latter including litigation arising out of personal injury claims in various types of accidents, medical negligence, etc.

In criminal cases, medical evidence for the prosecution may be provided by police surgeons and in the major population centres these doctors would have had the benefit of some training in clinical forensic medicine; not necessarily so in the rural areas, where the calls on the police surgeon may be minimal.

Doctors advising defence lawyers in criminal cases have usually gained experience as police surgeons before changing sides, other routes being unavailable. Nevertheless, there is nothing to stop doctors styling themselves specialists in the absence of adequate training and assessment, often with most undesirable results.

These problems stem from the poor rating given to the legal aspects of medicine in the undergraduate curricula of our medical schools. In spite of the obviously increasing involvement of doctors in legal matters, it is contended by the schools that the inclusion of these studies in the curriculum would entail dropping other subjects, which appears unacceptable.

The Royal College of Physicians, very much aware of these deficiencies, has recently set up a standing committee on the legal aspects of medicine, with representatives or observers from the Royal College of General Practitioners, the Royal College of Pathologists, the Association of Police Surgeons, the Law Society, the Coroners Society, the prison medical service, the medical defence bodies, the college's faculty of occupational medicine, and the faculty of public health medicine of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK.

The committee, of which I am a member, is charged to consider both the profession's awareness of its obligations under the law and also specialist training. It is hoped that the latter will result in the establishment of a diploma in clinical legal medicine; the training syllabus would have a common core, with added modules appropriate to the candidate's area of medico-legal practice. This should bring the subject into line with other medical specialties.

The problem of upgrading the newly-qualified doctor is proving more difficult, but at least the matter is being addressed by a group whose width and depth of knowledge and experience give some indication of the priority which the royal college has afforded to dealing with this important and hitherto neglected area of medical practice.

Yours faithfully,
NEVILLE DAVIS,
Brownlow Medical Centre,
140-142 Brownlow Road, N11.
April 6.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

Setting fees for overseas students

From Professor Anthony Field and others

Sir, The continued policy of increasing fees for overseas students attending our academic institutions is now showing the long-term disastrous effects about which universities, polytechnics, industry and commerce have all repeatedly warned the government. Recent practical indications from countries as far apart as India and Korea, Czechoslovakia and Japan are mainly twofold.

First, the statistics show that international students are now moving away from academic institutions in Great Britain to take similar foreign courses which are now offered at much lower fees. The British Council can vouch for considerable losses to our economy in this area.

Secondly, the experience which such foreign students derived from the use of British technology and equipment undoubtedly led to their recommending future use of such equipment in their professional careers. Conversely, this short-sighted policy of higher academic fees for overseas students drives them to use such items as computers and machinery produced by our trade rivals, and demonstrably injures our economy.

There is a third point which is both commercial and diplomatic. We lose foreign goodwill now and in the future by such behaviour. Goodwill may be hard to quantify, but it can be a blessing in a tight corner, as well as part of the assets of a business.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY FIELD,
JOHN LAST,
CHARLES ARNOLD-BAKER,
City University,
Department of Arts Policy,
Silk Street, EC2.
April 2.

Tackling joy-riders

From Chief Inspector Douglas MacNicoll

Sir, Your recent report on car thefts (April 1) refers to those carried out by "joy-riders", an inappropriate term, since such activity brings little joy to anyone — certainly not to the police, vehicle owners or members of the public who get in the way of these reckless individuals.

The problem as we see it is twofold: inadequate vehicle security and a lack of facilities for car-mad youngsters. The former is at last being tackled by the manufacturers and may be further encouraged by the imminent publication by the Home Office of a vehicle "thievability" list; but the lack of youth facilities is altogether more difficult.

The interest in driving taken by youngsters cannot legally be satisfied on the road until the age of 17, and the years in between present many temptations. Such projects may involve stripping-down and rebuilding old cars and then taking them banger-racing, or motorcycle scrambling or go-karting — under adult supervision.

Many specifically target those who have offended; those which seek to catch youngsters *before* they are sucked into crime are, in the main, run on shoe-string budgets and rely heavily on the goodwill of individuals and interested third parties. These include the youth and social services, the police and a number of voluntary organisations.

If an ounce of prevention equals a pound of cure, this must present an area where additional resources, be they public or private, could return a high yield in the long term.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS MacNICOLL,
(Chief Inspector, Youth Affairs Branch, Metropolitan Police),
New Scotland Yard,
Broadway, SW1.
April 8.

Women in absentia

From Dr Margaret Joachim

Sir, How illuminating, when the two largest parties both profess to support the 300 Group campaign to get more women into parliament, that your list (April 9) of retiring MPs shows 46 Conservative and 18 Labour MPs retiring, with only three and one replacement women candidates respectively.

When one of the most likely ways of winning a parliamentary seat is to follow on from a retiring MP, neither party can be said to be putting its women where the best prospects are. It is good to see that the single Liberal Democrat seat which will become vacant is to be contested by a woman.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET JOACHIM,
8 Newburgh Road, W3.

B flat?

From Dr G. B. R. Walkey

Sir, Two years ago, in a letter which you published on April 3, 1989, I reported to you that the note of the buzz of the bumble bee (*Bombus terrestris*) on March 27 that year was C sharp below middle C.

Today I had the opportunity to listen to the note struck by the same kind of bumble bee and its pitch was a semitone higher, the D below middle C. A year ago I noted it to be the same on April 3, while the note of a slightly smaller bumble bee was three semitones higher, i.e., F.

Yours sincerely,
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April 3.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 11: The President of the Republic Chile and Señora de Aylwin visited The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at Windsor Castle and remained to luncheon.

The following were invited: His Excellency Señor Enrique Silva Cimma (Minister for Foreign Affairs), His Excellency Señor Alejandro Foxley (Minister for Finance), His Excellency Señor Ricardo Lagos (Minister for Education), Señora Isabel Aylwin de Matta (Daughter of The President), His Excellency the Chilean Ambassador and Señora de Riesco), Señor Carlos Bascuñan (*Chef de Cabinet to The President*), Señor Carlos Klammer (Director General of Protocol and Ceremonial), Lieutenant-Colonel Carlos Montalba (ADC to The President) and Doctor Gonzalo Sepulveda (Personal Physician to The President).

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee of the Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, attended a meeting of the Trustees and afterwards a dinner at Frogmore House.

The Duchess of York, Patron of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, this evening attended a Gala Performance of *Matador* at the Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, in aid of MNDA and The Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy Centre.

Mrs John Spooner was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Patron, The Cranfield Trust, this morning opened the first International Conference of The Cranfield Management Association at the Assembly Rooms, Bath and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt).

Mrs Timothy Holderness Roddam was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 11: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, The Girl Guides Association, this afternoon opened the Association's Berkshire Camp Site and Pack Holiday House at Cold Ash, near Newbury.

Her Royal Highness was received by Captain The Hon Nicholas Beaumont (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire).

The Lady Juliet Townsend was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 11: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, President, Ladies Guild of the St John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem, this morning received Sir Stephen and Lady Miller.

In the afternoon, Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, this afternoon met Members of the Executive Committee of the International Federation at the Portman Intercontinental Hotel, 22 Portman Square, London W1.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 11: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this morning visited the Orthotic Research and Locomotor Assessment Unit at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Shropshire (Mr J. R. S. Dugdale).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Shropshire and Mid Wales Hospice, Shrewsbury.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this evening attended the Opportunity Japan Campaign Awards Ceremony and Dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales will attend a conference on the Future of European Urban Environment in Madrid on April 30 and May 1.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will officially visit Czechoslovakia at the invitation of President Havel between May 6 and 9.

The Princess Royal will officially visit Uruguay and Chile between September 20-27.

Dinners

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were hosts at a dinner held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Lord's Taverners. The guests included:

Mr and Mrs Ted Ball, Mr and Mrs Bernard Berrick, Mr David Blundell, Mr Michael Colicutt, Mr Colin Cowdrey, Mr and Mrs Ted Dexter, Mr Raphael Djanogly, Mr David Fitzgerald, Mr Tony Gallagher, Mr and Mrs Michael Gerard, Mr and Mrs Ron Gerard, Mr and Mrs Anthony Greener, Mr and Mrs Michael Gross, Mr and Mrs Peter Hall, Mr and Mrs Samir Hammam, Mr and Mrs Len Hatton, Mr and Mrs John Jordan, Mr and Mrs Ken Lewis, Mr and Mrs Leslie Lucy, Mr and Mrs Julian Markham, Mrs Jane Moyle, Mr and Mrs Bernard Norgan, Mr Tim Rice, Mr John Ritblat, Mr and Mrs Ron Sams, Mr Paul Seddon, Mr Peter Simon, Mr James Sunley, Captain and Mrs Anthony Swainson, Mrs Diana Thomas, Mr and Mrs Richard Tice, Mr and Mrs Derek Ufton, Mr and Mrs Les Van Hatton and Mr and Mrs Andrew Turnbull.

Corporation of London

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests at a dinner given by the Corporation of London last night at the Mansion House in honour of the President of Chile and Senora de Aylwin. Among those present were:

Senor Enrique Silva Cimma, Senor Alejandro Foxley, Senor Ricardo Lagos, Senora Isabel Aylwin de Matta, the Chilean Ambassador and Senora de Riesco, Senor Carlos Portales, Senor Augusto Aninat, Senor Carlos Klammer, Senor Carlos Bascunan, Senor Fernan Ibanez, Lieutenant-Colonel Carlos Montalba, Senor Marcelo Trivelli, Senor Eduardo Araya, Senorita Pilar Velasco, Senor Gonzalo Sepulveda, Senor Jorge Catey, Senor Jorge Schneider, Commandante Mario Villalobos, Senor Jose Manuel Lira, Senor German Guerra, Senora Patricia Rios, Senor Juan Carlos Barrientos, Senor Fernando Reyes, Senorita Maria Paz de Rio, Senorita Marcia Pineda.

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern, the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, the Ambassador of Uruguay, the Ambassador of Venezuela and Senora de Kerdel Vegas, the German Ambassador and Baroness von Richthofen, the Ambassador of Ecuador and Senora de Correa, the Mexican Ambassador and Senora Sepúlveda, the Ambassador of Peru and Senora de Valdivieso, the Brazilian Ambassador and Senhora Flecha De Lima, the Spanish Ambassador and Dona de la Morena, the Ambassador of Argentina and Senora de Cámpora, the Ambassador of Paraguay and Senora Espinoza, the Ambassador of Costa Rica and Senora de Tinoco, the Colombian Ambassador and Senora de Barco.

The Earl of Caithness, the Dowager Countess of Dundonald, Viscount and Viscountess Torrington, Lord and Lady Faringdon, Lord and Lady Roll of Ipsden, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Mrs Patten, the Hon Colwyn and Mrs Philipps, Mr and Mrs Edmund Dell, Mr and Mrs Robin Leigh-Pemberton, members of the Chilean Embassy, representatives of organisations having commercial or cultural connections with Chile, members of parliament, representatives of the Civil Service and House of Commons, aldermen, common councilmen and officers of the Corporation of London and their guests.

City of London Solicitors' Company

Alderman Sir Hugh Bidwell, representing the Lord Mayor, was a speaker at a ladies' dinner of the City of London Solicitors' Company held last night at Plaisterers' Hall. Mr D.L. Biddle, Master, presided. Sir Crispin Tickell, Warden of Green College, Oxford, and President of the Royal Geographical Society, and Mr R.H.V. Dixon, Senior Warden, also spoke. Among those present were:

The Master of the Rolls and Alderman Dame Mary Donaldson, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Lady Bidwell, Lady Tickell, the Recorder of London and Mrs Verney, the Resident Governor and Keeper of the Jewel House at HM Tower of London and Mrs Tyler, the Chief Yeoman Warder and Mrs Harding, the Deputy Keeper of HM Signet and Mrs Drysdale, the Clerk to the Society of Writers to HM Signet and Mrs Kerr, the Vice-President of the Law Society and Mrs Lly, the President of the Law Society of Scotland and Mrs Gibb, the Secretary of the Law Society of Scotland and Mrs Pritchard, Mr Alderman and Mrs F McWilliams and the Masters of the Cutlers', Tallow Chandlers', Butchers', Carpenters' and Builders Merchants' Companies and their ladies.

Birthdays today

Viscount Addison, 77; Mr Alan Ayckbourn, playwright, 52; Mr Bill Bryden, theatre director, 49; Miss Montserrat Caballé, opera singer, 58; Mr Brian Connell, writer and broadcaster, 75; Miss Eispet Gray, actress, 62; Mr H.R. Hewitt, former chairman, Johnson Matthey, 71; the Right Rev John T. Hughes, former Bishop to the Forces, 83; Mr Uwe Kitzinger, president, Templeton College, Oxford, 63; the Earl of Limerick, 61; Mr A.W. Mabbs, archivist, 70; Mr Bryan Magee, writer, 61; Air Marshal Sir Harold Maguire, 79; Mr E.C. Meade, chartered accountant, 68; Mr Bobby Moore, footballer, 50; Lady Ricketts, former chairman, National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, 72; Mrs Wendy Savage, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 56.

University news

Liverpool

Professor John Tarn, who holds the Roscoe chair of architecture at Liverpool, has been appointed acting vice-chancellor of the university, from August 1, following the resignation of Professor Graeme Davies, who has been appointed Chief Executive of the Universities Funding Council.

Reception

Baroness Phillips

Baroness Phillips was host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Lords for the presentation of the British Safety Council's five-star health and safety system awards and diplomas in safety management.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will present new colours to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst at 10.30 to mark 250 years of officer training.

The Princess Royal, as Honorary Air Commodore, RAF Lyneham, will attend a reception and dinner the base at 6.30.

Princess Margaret will attend the Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead's dinner at the Castle Hotel, Windsor, at 7.15.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the RAF Benevolent Fund, will attend the annual concert to mark the formation of the RAF at the Festival Hall at 7.50.

Hurstpierpoint College

Term begins on Sunday, April 14, and ends on June 28. The guest of honour on Speech Day, Saturday, May 25, is His Grace the Duke of Richmond and Gordon. A memorial evensong for Mr R.E. Bury, 43 years a master at the school and for Winifred Berry, Sister in the Sanatorium for 40 years, will be held in the College Chapel at 7.30 pm on Sunday, May 12. The preacher will be Canon Michael McAdam and the school choir will be augmented by old boys: OJs and friends are welcome at this service and at the cricket match which starts at noon. Mr Adrian Gobat, of Abbotsholme School, has been appointed to succeed Mr Paddy Newbery as Master of the Junior School in September.

OBITUARIES

THE REV ELSIE CHAMBERLAIN

The Rev Elsie Chamberlain, Congregationalist minister, died on April 10 aged 81. She was born on March 3, 1910.

THE Rev Elsie Chamberlain was one of the best known of the women who have entered that for so long strongly held male preserve, the Christian ministry. She was the first woman called by any of the major free churches to preside over its assembly, being chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales from 1956 to 1957. Both through broadcasting and constant speaking up and down the country she came to symbolise for many the place that women were beginning to occupy in the public ministry of the churches. Her 27-year career at the BBC, where she was the first woman presenter of *Daily Service*, was an integral part of a ministry of which communication to the widest possible audience was the essence. It was always important to her that the Christian message of the gospel should be heard and made effective.

Elsie Dorothea Chamberlain was born into a devout London home. Her family was deeply involved in the life of the local Congregational church. To the end of her days she valued that kind of fellowship life in a church, the "chapel-life" which has been so much eroded by the growth of home entertainment. Although far from narrowly pious, she saw no reason to apologise for a Christian spending a great deal of time in specifically church activities. She studied at King's College, London, gaining her BD. She was also an accomplished violin player and an associate of the Royal College of Music.

She was prepared for the more practical work of the ministry at St Paul's House, Liverpool, under a remarkable woman, the Rev Muriel Paulden, to whom she felt a life-long debt. After a brief assistantship in Liverpool Miss Chamberlain was called to Christ Church, Friern Barnet, where she ministered from 1941 to 1946. In 1946 she made history by becoming the first woman commissioned as a chaplain to the forces, becoming a chaplain to the Women's Auxiliary Air Force at Cranwell. Here she met an Anglican colleague, the Rev John L. St C. Garrington, whom she married in the following year, creating an unusual partnership between high church Anglican and Congregational ministers. Her feeling that in later years her husband was penalised in preferment for this unusual match may have increased a certain wariness she always had towards the Church of England.

From 1947 to 1954 she was minister of Vineyard Congregational Church, Richmond, Surrey. During the later part of this period she had to have a colleague in her ministry as she became more and more deeply involved in the work of the religious broadcasting department of the BBC. In 1950 she had answered an advertisement for the post of assistant in the BBC religious broadcasting department. It struck her as an oportunity for someone of her persuasion to win the ear of people very much on the fringes of the church; as she herself said later, "those to whom religion was only a word, and a not very interesting word at that." On leaving Richmond she became a full-time member of the department's staff until 1967. She was responsible for many years for one of the most widely heard programmes, *Lift Up Your Hearts*, and her exceptional skill in helping broadcasters to prepare and present an effective script had full play. She took her turn in the conduct of the broadcast daily service and her deep and distinctive voice became familiar to many.

In 1967 *Lift Up Your Hearts* fell victim to secularising tendencies within the BBC under Sir Hugh Greene and she left. Elsie Chamberlain felt deeply the ending of her BBC service. She had liked radio as a method of communicating, though she was not so sure about television, where she felt a meretricious visual promotion of the speaker could detract from the message. Nevertheless she continued a wide ministry as preacher, speaker and leader of conferences. From 1968 to 1970 she was associate minister of the City Temple, following a succession of notable women who from time to time had served that historic pulpit, including Maude Royden and Dorothy Wilson. She was not herself a preacher of the first rank; neither her reading nor her capacity to organise her material was on the requisite scale. But no one could doubt her power in the leading of worship. She had a rare capacity to combine reverence with warmly personal and contemporary prayers.

Although interested in the ecumenical movement she had a deep distrust of all theological complexities, often seeming to suggest that they were a characteristically masculine stumbling block to a simple spiritual unity which could be based on love for the church's Lord. She opposed the union of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches, from which the United Reformed Church sprang in 1972. She served as president from 1973 to 1974 of the Congregational Federation, the largest grouping of the minority of Congregationalists who did not enter the union, and was for some years chairman of the Federation's council. She ministered at Hutton in Essex, and at Taunton. From 1984 to 1985 she was president of the National Free Church Women's Council. In 1988 she was guest of honour on the occasion of the 60th anniversary broadcast of *Daily Service* from at All Souls, Langham Place.

At the time of her death she was minister of the Congregational Centre Church, Nottingham, where she had been since 1983. Her energies and forthrightness continued undimmed. She was a striking personality. If her freshness was sometimes infected by over-swift negative judgments, and her candour by insufficient sensitivity, she certainly felt called to be an invigorating influence sweeping through male-dominated ecclesiasticism with tornado-like force. As she recently said in an interview: "The doctrine against women priests is hooey, based partly on selective scripture, partly on the Old Testament view of the uncleanness of women at certain times. All in all it makes a pretty funny theological background."

She had a strong and mutually supportive relationship with her husband. When she lost her broadcasting work at the BBC and he was appointed vicar of Greenstead, Essex, she took over the chapel at nearby Hutton. Sometimes she was the vicar's wife in his parish; sometimes the roles were reversed. It was a happy arrangement. He died, aged 65, in 1978.

MAJOR-GENERAL ROBERT SCOTT

Major-General Robert Scott, CB, commandant and postgraduate dean of the Royal Army Medical College from 1986 to 1989, died at sea after disappearing overboard from his sailing cruiser on March 18 aged 61. He was born on August 16, 1929.

MAJOR-GENERAL Robert Scott was an academic surgeon of high repute, greatly respected in military surgical circles on both sides of the Atlantic. In his quiet, persistent way he contributed hugely to the body of knowledge about the wounds of war and their management.

Many of his more important publications, on the subjects of head and body protection, injury in armoured fighting vehicles and nerve agent contamination, were classified and not openly available to non-military colleagues but nonetheless had a profound effect on many aspects of military practice outside of the purely surgical field. He had a particular interest in the international debate on limitation of weapon effects and on several occasions represented the United Kingdom at International Red Cross or United Nations' conferences on that subject. He was a keen student of military and medical history, a prolific writer and a lucid and entertaining lecturer.

Bob Scott was born in Belfast, and educated at Campbell College, Belfast; University College, Oxford, and King's College Hospital. He joined the RAMC in 1956 and almost immediately found himself in East Africa as regimental medical officer to the King's African Rifles. On returning to London in 1959 he took the diploma in tropical medicine and then started in earnest on his surgical career. He worked and studied in most of the military hospitals in Southern England, becoming a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1962.

He served in hospitals across the globe — Singapore, Hong Kong, Nepal, Malaysia and West Germany — and was on active service on a number of occasions as a member of surgical teams in Oman, Borneo and Northern Ireland. He was also consultant surgeon to the Chemical Defence Establishment, Porton, on two occasions over a span of six years, and it was there that he was able to demonstrate his remarkable ability for research and writing in the difficult field of weapon effects and war injury.

He became joint professor of military surgery at the Royal Army Medical College and at the Royal College of Surgeons in 1981 and held the post for almost five years. He was visiting professor to the Uniformed Services University of the Health Services, Washington. In 1986 he became consultant surgeon to the British Army of the Rhine but after only seven months was recalled to the Royal Army Medical College to fill the post of commandant and postgraduate dean. He retired to his home in Devon in 1989.

Scott was a man of great fortitude, a balanced man, never given to excess but yet who enjoyed life to the full. He was a more than adequate performer on the golf course and a keen sailor. It is tragic that his death should have occurred as a result of a sailing accident so soon after his retirement from the service.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary, and their son and two daughters

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward Bird, painter, Wolverhampton, 1772; John George Lambton, 1st Earl of Durham, statesman, Durham, 1792.

DEATHS: William Kent, architect and landscape gardener, London, 1748; Pietro Metastasio, poet and dramatist, Vienna, 1782; Charles Burney, music historian and composer, London, 1814; Charles-Joseph Messier, astronomer, Paris, 1817; Feodor Chaliapin, bass singer and actor, Paris, 1938; Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd president of the USA 1933-45, Warm Springs, Georgia, 1945; Antoine Pevsner, sculptor, Paris, 1962; Joe Louis, the "Brown Bomber", world heavyweight boxing champion 1937-48, Las Vegas, 1981; Alan Stewart Paton, writer, 1988; Sugar Ray Robinson, boxer, 1989.

Vice-president Harry S. Truman succeeded Roosevelt as president of the USA, 1945. Yuri Gagarin of the USSR made the first successful flight into space in Vostok I, 1961.

Memorial service

Wing Commander William Kearney

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Wing Commander William Kearney was held yesterday in the Henry VII Chapel, Westminster Abbey. The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Paul Ferguson, Chaplain and Sacrist.

The Rev Dr Edward Carpenter led the prayers. The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood read the lessons and Air Commodore D.F. Rixson gave an address.

Francis Cowper

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Francis Cowper will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel on Monday, May 13, 1991, at 5.00 pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Professor P.R. Ackroyd and Miss A. Golden

The engagement is announced between Peter R. Ackroyd and Ann Golden. The marriage will take place on Saturday, September 7, 1991.

Captain M.M.B. Adams and Miss G.E. Harrison

The engagement is announced between Captain Mark Adams, The Light Infantry, only son of Mrs Caroline Adams, of Eversholt, Bedfordshire, and the late Mr Patrick Adams, and Georgina Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Harrison, of Doddington Park, Cheshire.

Mr I.D. Adey and Miss S.E. Fairburn

The engagement is announced between Ian David, younger son of Mr and Mrs N.A. Adey, of Stratford-upon-Avon, and Sarah Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs D. Fairburn, of Wickersley, Yorkshire.

Mr P.S. Cottrell and Miss S.M. Doyle

The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.F.S. Cottrell, of Cross in Hand, Sussex, and Serena, daughter of Mr John Doyle, of Warehorne, Kent, and Mrs Ross Walker, of Kensington, London.

Mr D.A.J. Crowe and Dr P. Cherdkiatgumchai

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr Paul Crowe and Mrs Janice Broome, of Norwich, and Poonsuk, daughter of Mr and Mrs Puang Cherdkiatgumchai, of Bangkok, Thailand.

Mr A.M.J. Galsworthy and Miss S.C. Durnford

The engagement is announced between Michael Galsworthy, of Trewithen, Cornwall, and Sarah Durnford, of St Mawes, Cornwall.

Mr S.J. Harley and Miss T.C. Tucker

The engagement is announced between Stuart, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Tom Harley, of Aberturret House, Crieff, Perthshire, and Hong Kong, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bill Tucker, of Mellands, Kenton, Exeter, Devon.

Mr A. Irvine and Miss K. Dix

The engagement is announced between Alisdair, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Irvine, of Kelso, Roxburghshire, and Katherine, daughter of Professor and Mrs Gerald Dix, of Norwich, Norfolk.

Mr M.W. Jones and Miss T.A. Tauroa

The engagement is announced between Michael William, youngest son of Mrs B.J. Smith, of Avonmouth, Bristol, and TeAroha Anne, eldest daughter of Mrs Ringi Morgan-Fifield, of Tokoroa, North Island, New Zealand.

Mr P.A. Keirle and Miss E.M.S. Edwards

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Keirle, of Linford, Essex, and Siân, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Brian Edwards, of London, W11.

Mr A.R. Kingston and Miss L.M. Gillman

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Arland Kingston, of Burwash, East Sussex, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr James Gillman and Mrs Cilla Karmel, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr G.R. Manger and Miss D.A. Beggs

The engagement is announced between Geoff, only son of Mr and Mrs Roland Manger, of Bromley, Kent, and Danielle, only daughter of the Rev Norman and Mrs J. Beggs, of Dewlish, Dorset.

Mr D.R. Mitchell and Miss J.F. Knight

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Dr and Mrs Peter Mitchell, of Grittenham, Wiltshire, and Jacqueline, younger daughter of the late Mr J.O. Knight and of Mrs J.F. Knight, of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Mr R.W.G. Moore and Miss E.B. Treip

The engagement is announced between Rowan, younger son of Mr Richard Moore, of Brussels, and of Mrs Ann Moore, of Battle, Sussex, and Elizabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs Cecil Treip, of Waterbeach, Cambridge.

Mr M.C. Nicholls and Miss A.F. Hogg

The engagement is announced between Mark Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N.N. Nicholls, of Oaksey, Wiltshire, and Alison Fiona (Hoggy), elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Hogg, of Hunton, Kent.

Mr T.H. Patterson and Miss K.S. Peppiatt

The engagement is announced between Trevor, second son of Mr and Mrs Harold Patterson, of Lisburn, Co Antrim, and Kate, younger daughter of the Rev Martin and Mrs Peppiatt, of East Twickenham.

Mr G.P. Smith and Mrs M.E.E. Lawrence

The engagement is announced between Graham, younger son of the late J.A. Smith and of Mrs J.A. Smith, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and Mary Lawrence (née Ray) younger daughter of the late E.T. Ray and of Mrs E.T. Ray, of Southwold, Suffolk.

Mr S.J. Woollands and Miss A.L. Pinder

The engagement is announced between Steven, son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Woollands, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Pinder, both of Duffield, Derbyshire.

Mr D.M. Wyman and Miss A.D.C. Ballard

The engagement is announced between David Mark, second son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Wyman, of Perth, Western Australia, and Adelaine Deborah Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Ballard, of Oldhouse, Stanway, Colchester, Essex.

Marriages

Mr T. Broughton and Miss M. Beven

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 6, 1991, at The Church of Our Lady, Thames Ditton, of Mr Tim Broughton, eldest son of Mr R. Broughton, of Rio de Janeiro, and Mrs C. Broughton, of Brockham, Surrey, to Miss Mary Beven, younger daughter of the late Dr G. Beven and of Mrs S. Beven, of Esher, Surrey. Father Eric Flood officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother Dr Paul Beven, was attended by Ben Elwes, Justin Mould, Robbie Broughton, Giles Tomsett and Marcus Benson. Desmond Bloom-Davis was best man.

A reception was held at Woodlands Park, Stoke d'Abernon and the honeymoon is being spent in Kenya.

Dr K.A. Talbot and Dr M.T. Theodoulou

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 6, in Richmond upon Thames, between Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Talbot, and Megan, daughter of Mr Raymond Theodoulou and Mrs Christine Theodoulou.

Rugby School

The Duchess of Kent will open the Rugby School Sports Centre on Tuesday, April 16.

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FLETCHER - On April 9th, peacefully at home after a long illness, bravely and optimistically fought, Louise Elizabeth (née Mathews), much loved wife and mother. Funeral today 3pm at Hurley Church. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Ian Rennie Hospice at Home c/o Funeral Directors, C.H. Lovegrove, 141 Oxford Road, Reading, Berks.

FRIEND - On April 10th, peacefully at Bromson Hill Nursing Home, Mary Alice Louise, aged 90 years, wife of the late John Friend. Funeral Service at the Church of St Thomas Beckett, Sutton-under-Brailes, Shipston-on-Stour, Tuesday April 16th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent to The Chest, Heart and Stroke Assoc., 123-127 Whitecross Street, London EC1Y 8JJ.

GALLOWAY - On April 10th, peacefully, Alexander Hugh, dear husband of Sylvia, brother of Kathye and much loved uncle. Funeral Service to take place at Woking Crematorium at 2.30 pm on Friday April 19th. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research c/o Cyril H Lovegrove Funeral Directors, 32 Guildford Road, Woking, Surrey.

HODDELL - On April 2nd 1991, peacefully, Marjorie Elizabeth (née Bullock), widow of George Francis Edwin Hoddell and beloved mother of Moira. Cremation has taken place.

HOOD - On April 9th 1991, in hospital, Peter Andrew, M.B. ChB., F.R.C.S.E., M.R.C. GP, of Little Sutton, South Wirral. Dearly loved husband of Helen and father of Alison and Katie. Funeral service at St Paul's church, Hooton, South Wirral, on Tuesday April 16th at 12.15pm, followed by private cremation at Chester. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Crisis, British Heart Foundation or The Clatterbridge Hospital M.R.I.M. Appeal. Enquiries Tel: 051 339 2129.

JELLICOE - On April 9th 1991, unexpectedly, at Farway, Colyton, Devon, Betty (née Kennedy) aged 74, dearly loved wife of Michael Jellicoe, mother of Sara Cobley and Celia Collins and grandmother of Kate, Clare, Rebecca and Michael. Private cremation on April 16th. There will be a Thanksgiving Service at Farway Parish Church on April 19th at 11 am at which the ashes will be committed. Family flowers only please but donations to Save the Children Fund would be appreciated.

LANGDALE - On Tuesday April 9th, at Ashurst Park Nursing Home, Fordcombe, Hilda Joan Langdale (née Bartholomew), widow of Geoffrey Ronald Langdale, much loved mother of Simon, Timothy and Jonathan. Funeral at Speldhurst Church at 2.30 pm on Wednesday April 17th. Family flowers only please but any donations to C of E Children's Society or Guide Dogs for the Blind.

NORTH - On April 9th 1991, quietly at home, Judy Hamlin North aged 82. Much loved mother of Mary and Melissa and grandmother of Dixie, Clancy and Miranda. Funeral at 2 pm on April 17th at St John the Baptist Church, The Lee, Buckinghamshire, where she will be buried beside her husband Charles.

PHIPPS - On April 10th, Peggie, aged 86 of Hendon, formerly Second Mistress at The City of London School for Girls. Fondly remembered by Mary Lewis, and her many other friends and relatives. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday April 18th to be held in the East Chapel at 2.50pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Migraine Trust.

PONTREMOLI - On April 6th in Milan, Maurice, aged 49, beloved son of Janine. Much loved and greatly missed by Milena, his children Monica, Raffaele and Jackie, his sisters Jocelyne and Denise and all his family.

POWELL - On April 10th 1991, at James House, Chudleigh, Devon, John Ardern, F.R.I.B.A., husband of Joy and father of Michael, Nicholas, Sarah and Hilary. No flowers, but donations if desired to The Alzheimer's Society c/o Perring Funeral Services, 101a High Street, Totnes, tel: (0803) 862417.

RANALDSON HALLAM - On Tuesday April 9th 1991, peacefully after a short illness in Walnut Tree Hospital, Sudbury, Suffolk, Miss Ada Ranaldson Hallam of Hundon, Suffolk, aged 97 years. A service with Legion Honours will be held at All Saints Church, Barnardiston, of which Miss Hallam was Patron, on Wednesday April 17th 1991 at 2 pm, followed by interment in the church grounds. No flowers please by request, but donations for The Royal British Legion may be sent to Phillips and Partners Funeral Directors, 60 High Street, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 8AR. tel: (0440) 714440.

ROTHENBERG - On April 10th 1991 after a short illness, courageously borne, Annema Rothenberg. Beloved wife of Helmut, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Sunday April 14th at 10.30 am.

SCOTT - On Tuesday March 19th, Major General Robert Scott C.B. Beloved husband of Rosemary and much loved father of Frances, Adam and Hilary. Funeral at Torquay Crematorium on Thursday April 18th at 2 pm. No flowers. Donations, if desired, for B.L.E.S.M.A. c/o the Funeral Directors Hugh Mills Gaye & Co Ltd., 68 Queen Street, Newton Abbot, TQ12 2ES.

WILLIAMS - On April 9th, at Bronllys Hospital, Powys, Peter Claringbould, late of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Funeral to be held at Glasbury-on-Wye. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Bronllys Hospital c/o C.C. James Funeral Directors, Hengardd, Three Cocks, Brecon, Powys. A Thanksgiving Service later in London.

WINTERBOTHAM - On April 10th 1991, peacefully at home after a long illness borne with great courage, Gordon Micklem, beloved husband of Wynne, dear father of Jill, Anne, Guy and Hugh and a loving grandfather. Funeral Service at the Thames Ditton United Reformed Church, Spear Road, on Wednesday April 17th at 1.15 pm, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for the Parkinson's Disease Society c/o Fredk. W. Paine, 108 High St, Esher, Surrey KT10 9QJ. All friends welcome.

WOOD - On April 9th 1991, at Colchester Hospital, Franklyn Thomas, author and journalist. Much loved husband of Sheila, father of Miranda and Matthew and grandfather of Tom and Rupert. Funeral at Weeley Crematorium, Clacton, on April 18th at 3.30 pm.

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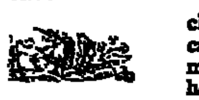

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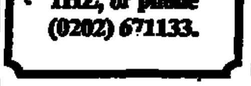

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTORS FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at The Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London EC2M 7QN on Thursday the 25th April 1991 at 11 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

A list of the names and addresses of the creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Fraser & Russell Associates, 4 London Wall Buildings, Blomfield Street, London EC2M 5NT on 23rd and 24th April between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
T.J. WOOD
Director

IN THE MATTER OF AP PHOTOTYPESETTING COMPANY LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 45 Conduit Street, London W1R 9FB, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Members & Creditors on 3rd April 1991.

DATED THIS 3RD APRIL 1991
PETER S DUNN FCA
Liquidator
Latham Crossley & Davis
45 Conduit Street
London W1R 9FB

EUROPEAN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS LIMITED

Registered number: 1345319. Former Company name: WEGO CONDENSER HOLDINGS LIMITED Trading Name: EUROPEAN ELECTRONIC HOLDINGS LIMITED. Nature of business: HOLDING COMPANY. Trade classification: 11. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers A.W. BRIERLEY & M. FISHMAN (Office holder nos. 005641 & 6470) Address:
ARTHUR ANDERSON & CO
POST BOX 55
1 SURREY STREET
LONDON WC2R 2NT

HEAD START APPOINTMENTS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 23rd April 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 3.00 pm is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require

DATED this 5th day of April 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
C.M. WARDLEY
DIRECTOR

Notice of Administration Order IN THE MATTER OF INTASUN TRAVEL LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

Registered number: 1523572 Nature of business: TRAVEL AGENTS. Trade classification: 31. Administration order made 8TH MARCH 1991. Joint Administrators W.F. RATFORD and C.T.E. HAYWARD (Office holder nos. 2456 and 2232)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No. 002247 of 1991 CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF EDEN RESTAURANTS (HOLBORN) LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 25th day of February 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £250,000 to £100.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 22nd day of April 1991.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 11th day of April 1991
BECKMAN & BECKMAN
of 20 Balcombe Street
Dorset Square
London NW1 6NB
Solicitors for the above-named Company

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver PROTECHT INTERNATIONAL PLC

Registered number: 2459152. Nature of business: HOLDING COMPANY. Trade classification: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4 April 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: LLOYDS BANK PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: PETER SHELDON PADMORE & RICHARD JAMES REES (office holder nos. 5600 & 4020). Address: The Quay, 30 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton, Hants SO1 1XF.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver WHITE HORSE WINDOWS LIMITED

Registered number: 1617260 Nature of business: REPLACEMENT WINDOWS. Trade classification: 24 Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 8 APRIL 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: BARCLAYS BANK PLC. Administrative Receiver: ANTONY ROBERT FANSHAWE (office holder no. 539) Address:
FANSHAWE LOFTS
HAVELOCK CHAMBERS
QUEENS TERRACE
SOUTHAMPTON SO1 1BP

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver PIERS JAMESON ASSOCIATES LIMITED

Registered number: 1633632 Nature of business: PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTION. Trade classification: 23 Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 8 APRIL 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: BARCLAYS BANK PLC Administrative Receiver: ANTONY ROBERT FANSHAWE (office holder no. 539) Address:
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HAVELOCK CHAMBERS
QUEENS TERRACE
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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver C & G ROOFING LIMITED

Registered number: 1867366 Nature of business: CLADDING AND ROOFING CONTRACTORS Trade classification: 25. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 8 APRIL 1991 Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: BARCLAYS BANK PLC. Administrative Receiver: ANTONY ROBERT FANSHAWE (office holder no 539) Address:
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QUEENS TERRACE
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BURNCALL ENGINEERING LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Palace Hotel, 31 Great Cumberland Place, Marble Arch, London W1 on 19th April 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 45 Conduit Street, London W1R 9FB, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

DATED THIS 5TH APRIL 1991
R W Burn-Callander
Director

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF WARMCO HEATING PLUMBING MECHANICAL LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named company will be held at 72 London Road, St Albans, Herts on Tuesday, 30 April 1991 at 11.30 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99-101 of the said Act.

Notice is further given that Mr S.L. Smith A.C.A., of Messrs Mercer and Hole of 72 London Road, St Alban's, Herts AL1 1NS is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and during the period before the day on which the meeting is to be held, will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require, pursuant to Section 98(2) (a) of the said Act.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that for the purpose of voting secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the company before the meeting a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.

By Order of the Board
of Directors
S KELLY
Director
Dated this 4th day of April 1991

THE SUNDAY CORRESPONDENT LIMITED (IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidators of the above company intend to make a distribution to the creditors.

Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims and their names and addresses to the Joint Liquidator, ROGER SMITH, at KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before the seventh of May 1991 which is the last day for proving claims.

Notice is also given that the Liquidators propose to make a final distribution before the seventh of September 1991 and that such distribution may be made without regard to any claims not made by the seventh of May 1991.

Note: The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full. The Liquidators have written to all known creditors inviting claims. If any creditor has not received such a letter he should write to the Joint Liquidator without delay.

Date: 9th April 1991
R. Smith

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver PYRAMID GRAPHICS LIMITED

Registered number: 1576979. Nature of business: TYPESETTING. Trade classification: 10. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 8th April 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: BARCLAYS BANK PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: IAN DAVID HOLLAND and JOHN SAMUEL FRANCIS BENNETT (office holder nos. 002346 and 5393). Address: CASSON BECKMAN & PARTNERS, HOBSON HOUSE, 155 GOWER STREET, LONDON WC1E 6BJ

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 R & R IMPORTS UK LIMITED

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company is to be held at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB on 3 May 1991 at 3.00 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from 1 May 1991.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the company situated at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB not later than 12 noon on 2 May 1991.

Dated 18 March 1991
MARTIN ROSE
Director

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PUBLIC NOTICES

The Scottish Mutual Assurance Society

109 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5HN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 108th Annual General Meeting of the Members of The Scottish Mutual Assurance Society will be held in the Albany Hotel, Bothwell Street, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 8th May 1991, at 12.15 pm to consider the Accounts, Balance Sheet and Reports of the Directors and Auditors for the period to 31st December 1990, to re-elect Directors and to re-appoint the Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.

Prints of the Society's Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet and Directors' Report together with the Auditors' Report thereon can be obtained by Members at the Head Office of the Society or at any of its Branch Offices.

A Member of the Society entitled to attend and vote at any General Meeting is entitled to appoint another person (who need not be a Member of the Society) to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of him. Proxies must be lodged at the Head Office of the Society not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the Meeting.

The attention of Members wishing to attend and vote (or appoint a proxy) is drawn to the restrictions on the right to act or vote contained in Regulations 5, 23 and 24 of the Regulations of the Society.

By Order of the Board,
C. G. Kirkwood,
Secretary

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF BERKELEY JAMES LIMITED

Registered Office: 6 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2 3RP
Principal Trading Address: 30 Alice Court, Putney Bridge Road, London SW15 2NQ
Company No: 2463132

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD on the 25th day of April 1991, at 10.15 am, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Creditors are only entitled to vote at the Meeting if a proof of debt, together with a proxy if required, has been lodged at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD not later than noon on 24 April 1991.

A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, for the two business days prior to the Meeting at Gibson Hewitt & Co, 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6SD

Dated this 8th day of April 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P J Weer
DIRECTOR

KING GEORGE'S FUND FOR SAILORS

The Annual General Meeting of King George's Fund for Sailors will be held at the Mansion House, London on Thursday 25 April, 1991, at 3.p.m. by kind permission of The Lord Mayor, the Rt Hon Sir Alexander Graham GBE.

MANCHESTER UNITY LIFE INSURANCE COLLECTING SOCIETY
(Register No. 80 Coll)
Registered Office: Odd Fellows House, 40 Fountain Street, Manchester, M2 2AB

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Pavilion Ballroom, Pavilion Centre, Bournemouth., on Monday the 6th May 1991 at 1.15 p.m.

AGENDA

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 1990; Report of the Committee and Balance Sheet and Auditors Report 1990; Appointment of Trustee; Appointment of Arbitrators; Any Other Business.

ALLIED-LYONS

Take notice that Allied-Lyons PLC has applied for a Private Electricity Supply Licence in the following terms:

1. Full name of the applicant.
   Allied-Lyons PLC.
2. Address of the applicant or, in the case of a body corporate, the registered or principal office. 24 Portland Place, London, W1N 4BB
3. Where the applicant is a company the full names of the current Directors and the company's registered number.
   Executive Directors: Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, Richard Graham Martin, Michael Clifford, John Jackaman, David Beatty, Derrick Brown, John Archie Giffen, Michael John Griffiths, Antony John Hales, Henry Clifford Hatch Jr., Donald Marshall, Royston Moss.
   Non Executive Directors: Stuart Twentyman Graham, Sir John Peter Grenside, Martin Robert Lampard, William Ernest Mason, Sir Philip Shelbourne.
   Registered Number: 689729
4. Where a holding of 20 per cent of the shares of an applicant is held by a body corporate or partnership or an unincorporated association carrying on a trade or business with or without a view to profit, the names and addresses of the holders of such shares shall be provided.
   Not applicable.
5. Desired date from which the Licence is to take effect.
   1st May 1991
6. A sufficient description adequately specifying the nature and situation of the premises intended to be supplied separately identifying premises within the power bands specified in and to the extent provided by paragraph 7 below
   All non-domestic premises with a demand above 1 Megawatt in the following PES areas:

   East Midlands Electricity plc
   Eastern Electricity plc
   MANWEB plc
   NORWEB plc
   Northern Electric plc
   Southern Electric plc
   South Western Electricity plc
   Yorkshire Electricity Group plc

7. (a) Subject to sub-paragraph (b) indicate the total number of premises intended to be supplied in each power band as shown in the table below, together with the aggregate energy forecast to be supplied and the aggregate estimated maximum demand for each power band.
   (b) If the date in paragraph 5 above is on or after 1 April 1994 then only Power band A shall be completed and if the said date is on or after 1 April 1998 then this paragraph will cease to have effect.

Power Band	Number of Premises	Aggregate Maximum Demand	Energy (GWh) to be supplied
(A) not exceeding 0.1MW	None	None	None
(B) exceeding 0.1MW not exceeding 1.0MW	None	None	None

8. A description of the system of electric lines and electrical plant by means of which the applicant intends to supply electricity, indicating which plant and lines are to be constructed and which are existing plant and lines, and further identifying any parts of that system which will not be owned or otherwise in the possession or control of the applicant:

   Lines and plant owned by:
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   Eastern Electricity plc.
   East Midlands Electricity plc.
   MANWEB plc
   Northern Electric plc.
   NORWEB plc.
   Southern Electric plc.
   South Western Electricity plc.
   Yorkshire Electricity Group plc

9. A statement of the extent (if any) to which the applicant considers it necessary for powers under Schedule 3 (compulsory acquisition of land etc.) and under Schedule 4 (other powers etc.) to the Act to be given through the licence for which he is applying.
   No Powers Required
10. Details of any licence held, applied for or being applied for by the applicant in respect of the generation, transmission or supply of electricity:
    None

Copies of maps relevant to this application have been lodged in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Electricity (Applications for Licences and Extensions of Licences) Regulations 1990 at Regional Offices of the Office of Electricity Regulation. Copies are available for inspection by the public between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any working day.

D S MITCHELL
Company Secretary
Allied-Lyons PLC
24 Portland Place
London, W1N 4BB.

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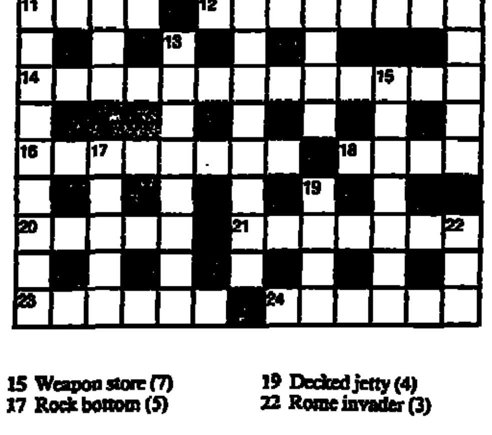

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21 Navigator's horizon arc (7)
23 Wanderers (6)
24 Wax stick (6)

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1 Annoy (3)
2 Astonish (7)
3 Reverberation (4)
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6 Decorate (5)
7 Fervour (9)
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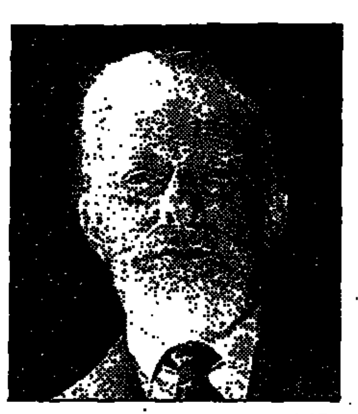
OPERA

Britten, Grimes and hope reborn

Lord Harewood, chairman of English National Opera, shares his memories of the premiere of *Peter Grimes* with **Richard Morrison**



Lord Harewood: recalling 1945

In the history of British opera, there are not too many Dates To Remember. Some would say there is just one: Thursday June 7, 1945. A young Grenadier Guards officer was present: "I went full of hope even though, as a recent prisoner-of-war, I was still wary of public places. One did go to musical premieres with hope in those days; that's one of the differences between then and now. I met William Walton and Edward Dent for the first time that night. Vaughan Williams was there, and Menuhin. And the piece had tremendous dramatic impact in a smallish theatre. Particularly the manhunt, with those chorus shouts of 'Grimes! Grimes!' "

This was the first performance of *Peter Grimes*, written by a precociously talented 31-year-old composer called Benjamin Britten. It saw the rebirth of Sadler's Wells Opera after years of peripatetic exigencies, and the reopening of Sadler's Wells Theatre, which had been sheltering Blitz victims. The evening affirmed British culture's survival. More than that, it seemed to offer hope that a new golden artistic age was dawning in war-weary Britain.

The guards officer was Lord Harewood. Later, he would rise high in the Royal Opera House management, and transform Sadler's Wells Opera into English National Opera in his 13 years as its managing director. Next week, ENO stages *Peter Grimes* for the first time since that original production: an appropriate moment for Harewood to recall what grew, or failed to grow, out of that hope-filled June night.

He can answer two essential questions. How far was Britten perceived, on the strength of *Peter Grimes*, to be a composer of world-class stature? And how much of what is now regarded as the obvious sub-text — the lonely fisherman as symbol of the oppressed outsider, and specifically the oppressed homosexual — was perceived by 1945 audiences?

"Few people that night thought of the music as we would now: as being relatively mainstream and straightforward. William Glock, in the *Observer*, called us all babies for thinking of *Grimes* as difficult. But other critics wrote that it was unlike anything before. As we now realise, this was nonsense."

The *Evening Standard* was not alone in thinking that "the harmonies are modern and discordant, as if the composer *himself* were some kind of robot with a hatred of mankind". On the whole, though, the press was positive. But among the public, some certainly remained unconverted. "A year later, at Cambridge, I found that several contemporaries — keen opera-goers — thought *Grimes* was inaccessible. That was not uncommon, even among those who considered themselves intellectuals."

If the music caused problems, what on earth did the 1945 audience make of the plot? A community hounds towards suicide a fisherman rumoured to have knocked about, possibly even murdered, his boy apprentices: not exactly the view of English life on which the post-war idealists would have wished to build their new Jerusalems. Moreover, some critics had read Crabbe's *The Borough*, upon which *Grimes* is based, and not realised that Britten had changed the moral thrust of the story. The poem's Grimes is reprehensible.

"Many still thought of Grimes as a very unsympathetic hero," says Harewood. "That worried people. We were not yet used to the anti-hero. In fact, I don't think the phrase had been coined." That failure of perception is clear from some reviews. *The Times* complained that Peter Pears, in the title role, was "not completely convincing as a sadist", missing the point that Pears was not trying to convey sadism.

A memorable era for British opera composition was born that evening. During the next 20 years, Britten, Tippett and Walton produced their best stage work. A memorable era for British opera companies should also have been born. The performance, fired by the young Reginald Goodall in the pit, and with a cast including Pears, Joan Cross, Edith Coates and Owen Brannigan, boded well for Sadler's Wells Opera. But something went terribly wrong.

Within weeks, this operatic dream-ticket — fine singers, good conductor and great composer — had disintegrated. Goodall went to Glyndebourne, then Covent Garden. Cross and Pears left the company. So did Eric Crozier, the producer of *Grimes*. More important, Britten never wrote another opera for Sadler's Wells. "He wanted *Billy Budd* to be done at Sadler's Wells, but Sadler's Wells was scared of it," says Harewood.

Peter Pears in the title role of *Peter Grimes*, 1945. Original photograph by Angus McBean, copyright Harvard Theatre Collection

Harewood puts it all down to "an internal revolution at Sadler's Wells which has never been publicised. Joan Cross had been Sadler's Wells' director during the war and had achieved remarkable things. But the choice of *Grimes* to re-open in London led to much tension in the company. One faction wanted something more traditional; another group of performers resented being left out. There was a palace revolution, and she was unseated."

Within a few years, moreover, Britten's relationship with Covent Garden was even sourer than with Sadler's Wells. This time, the row was over the opera he wrote for the 1953 Coronation, *Gloriana* — based on Lytton Strachey's book, *Elizabeth and Essex*. The first performance was a debacle, the worst of Britten's career. Harewood has particular reason to remember: as a cousin of the new Queen, a friend of Britten and an employee of Covent Garden, he had been instrumental in setting up the event.

"My idea was that the premiere would bring together the arts community in a tribute to the Queen, *not* the sort of people who had attended the Coronation. But the reality was that Covent Garden was full of official big-wigs who thought they should be there. Totally the wrong audience. Apart from anything else, everyone was wearing gloves. As you can imagine, the sound of people either clapping or not clapping in gloves is feeble. The piece wrongly gained the reputation of being an insult to the young Queen."

> *'One did go to musical premieres with hope in those days; that's one of the differences between then and now'*

Britten vowed never again to write for a big opera house and retreated to Aldeburgh, where he could exercise ruthless control over his premieres. He surrounded himself with a circle of trusted insiders. Harewood was, during the 1950s, one of them. Later, when the Harewoods were approaching divorce, the friendship between Harewood and Britten was terminated by the composer.

"The disadvantage of Aldeburgh was that it encouraged Britten to lead a hermetic life, sealed against the outside world, only admitting people he trusted. Other people became jealous of this magic circle; they came to mock. And Aldeburgh's exclusivity was sad. Nothing about the performing arts should ever be exclusive. The funny thing is that Ben would have thought that, too. One part of him was keen to reach the public. The other part preferred not to be seen. If you look at the re-built Snape Maltings, the box that Ben sat in was built, one feels, to keep people out. A friend of his referred to it as the bunker."

And Britten's sometimes brutal treatment of those who unwittingly offended him only increased resentment. "I was one of those referred to as 'the corpses': friends of Ben who stopped being friends because of his actions," admits Harewood.

"People were upset by that because he was so charismatic a figure. He was actually an easy person to like, though history may suggest otherwise."

● *The new ENO production of* Peter Grimes *opens at the Coliseum (071-836 0111) on Wednesday.*

CRITIC'S CHOICE: PARIS GALLERIES

BASQUE BRILLIANCE. Ignacio Zuloaga (1870-1945) was one of the most internationally famous painters of his time and a sought-after portraitist in at least two continents. *Less remembered now*, largely because few of his works ever come on the market, he deserves more *than merely nostalgic regard*: his landscapes in particular, painted to please himself, are consistently impressive.
Ignacio Zuloaga. Pavillon des Arts, 101 rue Rambuteau, 1 (42.33.82.50) Tues-Sun 11.30-6.30. Until April 28.

CAPITAL DESIGN. For the purpose of this exhibition the capitals of new design in Europe are Barcelona, Milan, Paris (of course) and Düsseldorf. The accompanying book adds London and Budapest.
Capitales européennes du nouveau design. Centre Georges Pompidou, rue Rambuteau, 1 (42.77.12.33) Mon, Wed-Fri 12-10, Sat-Sun 10-10. Until May 27.

TREASURE HOUSE. There is a lot to be said for any national treasury so ancient and exalted that it is *regarded as going into decline* from the end of the 15th century. Saint-Denis is a combination of the religious *and the royal*, with enough gold, ivory, enamel and illumination to satisfy the most demanding treasure-seeker.

SECOND THOUGHTS. Most artists think twice, and often several times, before putting brush to canvas or wall. "Repentirs" documents these waverings in drawings by the great and famous.
Le trésor de Saint-Denis/ Repentirs. Musée du Louvre, rue de Rivoli, 8 (40.20.51.51) exhibitions daily 9-10. Until June 17 and June 12.

MAN OF FASHION. Horst P. Horst began as the assistant and often model of the great photographer, *Hoyningen-Huene, and then* followed in his footsteps, mixing portraits of the great and famous with fashion spreads and the occasional flower-piece. This show is centred on the fashion work, but includes a selection of the rest, along with a few original garments.
Horst P. Horst. Musée de l'Art de la Mode, Pavillon de Marsan, 109 rue de Rivoli, 8 (42.60.32.14) Mon, Wed-Sat 12.30-6, Sun 11-6. Until September 9.

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Making do, with the best grace

John Russell Taylor on an incomplete centenary show

There is at least one thing that Georges Seurat, the centenary of whose death falls this year, has in common with Egon Schiele, born a century ago. Both of them made an extraordinary mark on art during a tragically short working life. Beyond that, and the coincidence of centenaries, the resemblance does not go far. Schiele, who died at the age of 28, was astonishingly prolific; Seurat, who died at the age of 31, was the opposite, producing few major works, long considered.

This should make Seurat a curator's dream. But in the definitive centenary show at the Grand Palais, obligatory for all important French artists, it sometimes looks as though this scarcity of finished work has turned him into a curator's nightmare. If there are really only about half a dozen world-stopping works that everyone immediately recognises, and half of them are not available for loan, what can be done to stave off a feeling of anti-climax?

The solution reached here is no doubt the only one possible, but it has at least been executed with grace and finesse. Among the missing are *Une Baignade, Asnières* (in the National Gallery, London); and *Un dimanche à la Grande Jatte* (in the Chicago Art Institute), which is the picture above all — even before Sondheim's *Sunday in the Park with George* — that the world at large associated with Seurat. Also absent are the Barnes Foundation's *Poseuses*, and *Chahut* in the Kröller-Müller Museum at Otterlo. But two very famous paintings are present: *Parade de cirque*, lent by the Metropolitan; and *Cirque*, from the Musée d'Orsay.

Naturally, given Seurat's meticulous methods, there are *dozens of studies*, sketches, elaborations of detail, and even small preparatory versions made before the final work was embarked on. Here the show's organisers have come up trumps. For the *Baignade*, the *Grande Jatte* and the *Poseuses* they have assembled all possible preliminary documents, arranged in bays facing the window-wall of the galleries, while on the inside wall, placed so that glances backwards and forwards are easy, are life-size black-and-white photographs of the final work to which they all refer. Confining the reproductions to black-and-white is astute: that makes them look serious and scholarly rather than an attempted imposture.

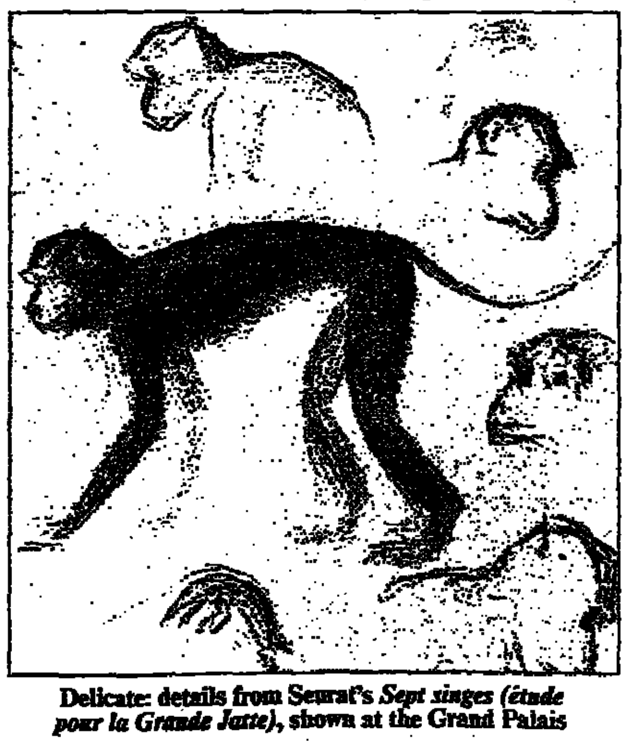
Nobody will leave the show without a clear idea of why Seurat was considered so extraordinary in his own day, and what it was about his work that has ensured his continuing place among the great innovators. He *is* remembered primarily as the inventor of Pointillism, the quasi-scientific system of painting in little dots of pure colour which were calculated according to principles of colour division, so that at a distance they would coalesce into more recognisable configurations.

Especially when compared with the bold and improvisatory strokes of paint characteristic of his immediate Impressionist predecessors, that sounds very bloodless and cerebral. But in the show it does not come over that way.

Though he remained faithful to this intricate and laborious technique to the end, he manages to sweep aside any *notion that his painting lacks* passion. True, *it is* sometimes oppressively static, and there is something akin to perversity in his determination to show that his way of painting could encompass scenes full of movement, as with the high-kicking dancers of *Chahut* or the lissome equestrienne going through her acrobatic act in *Cirque*. But the extraordinary tension that holds these paintings together, even as the technique suggests their imminent dissolution, is the best possible substitute for tempestuous brushwork and the speed of hand that deceives the mind.

Then there are the two less-known areas: the drawings and the later landscapes. The monochromatic drawings in conté crayon, only occasionally connected with paintings in progress, achieve an amazing delicacy in the creation of graded lighting effects, as though the subject is somehow materialising out of mist. They are some of the most domestically desirable works by a major master in existence. The landscape paintings, mostly done on the Channel coast, choose scenes of beach and water and seaside architecture that are naturally static, listless in the flat dead light of early afternoon. They create intense poetry out of everyday facts that few of the Impressionists, painting in the same locations, would have thought worth recording.

Georges Seurat: *Galeries Nationales du Grand Palais, 3 avenue du Général Eisenhower, Paris 8. (42.88.23.13). Until August 12*



Delicate: details from Seurat's *Sept singes (étude pour la Grande Jatte)*, shown at the Grand Palais

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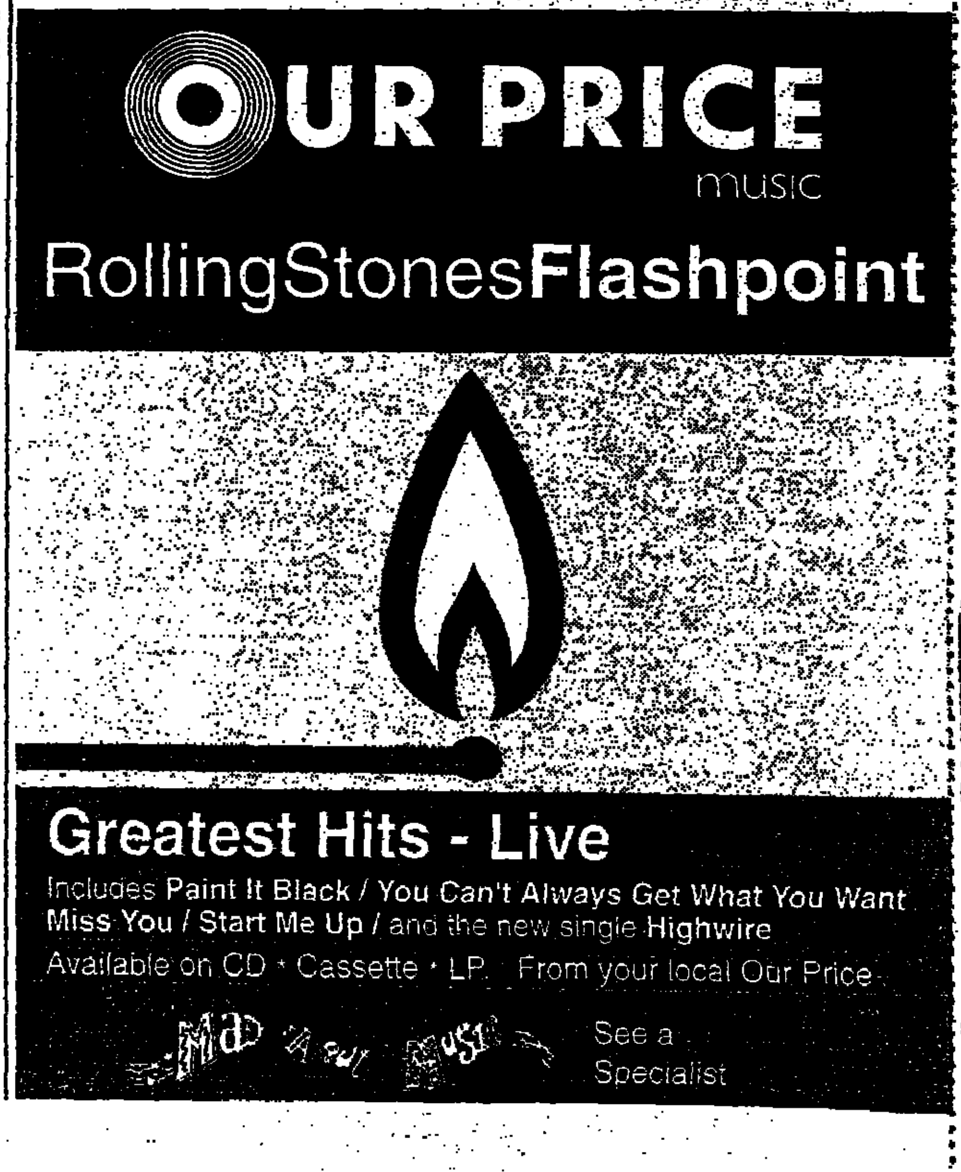

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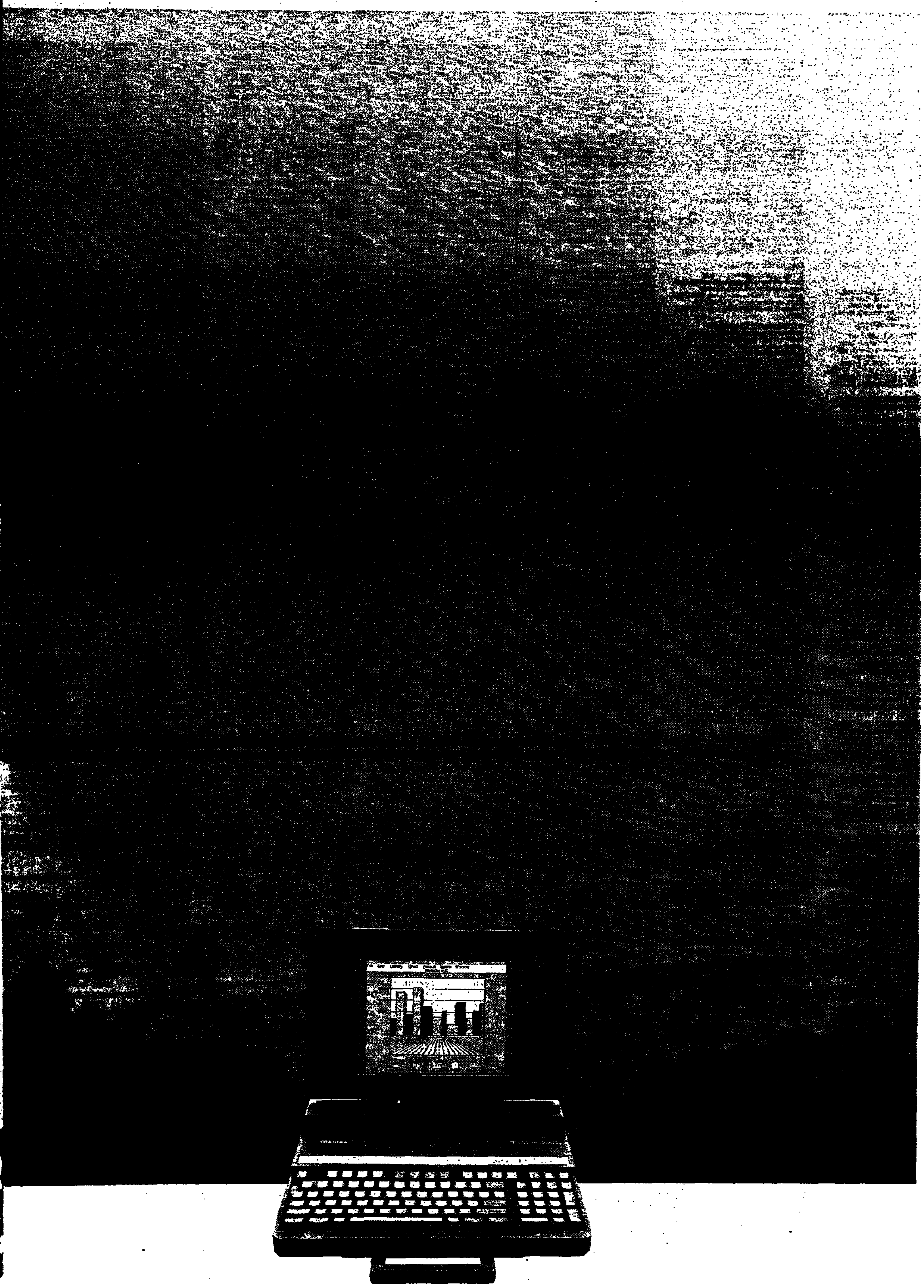

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES** (15): Brian DePalma's shrivelled, cartoon-like version of Tom Wolfe's novel. Tom Hanks miscast as the Wall Street high-flyer shot down by fate
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310)

◆ **HIGHLANDER II — THE QUICKENING** (15): Dismal sequel to the 1986 fantasy, with time-traveller Christopher Lambert facing new adversaries. Sean Connery injects a modest twinkle into the gloom.
Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) West End (071-930 5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

◆ **IMPROMPTU** (12): Impish comedy about George Sand's tempestuous courtship of Chopin. At times too boisterous; mostly pleasing. James Lapine directs Judy Davis, Hugh Grant
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861).

THE MIRACLE (15): Lukewarm Oedipal whimsy from Neil Jordan about an Irish teenager's romantic fantasies. With Beverly D'Angelo and two fresh teenagers (Niall Byrne, Lorraine Pilkington)
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY (15): Sleekly mounted but facile woman-in-peril thriller. Julia Roberts as the abused wife who fakes her own death. Patrick Bergin; director, Joseph Ruben.
Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111).

CURRENT

AMERICAN FRIENDS (PG): Nineteenth-century romance between an Oxford don (Michael Palin) and a young American (Trini Alvarado). Slender, charming, tasteful; director, Tristram Powell
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

◆ **AWAKENINGS** (12): Tender, heart-tugging tale of neurologist Robin Williams stirring the life force in Robert De Niro and other patients stricken with paralysis
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Empire (071-497 9999) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent, swashbuckling cinema.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ **DANCES WITH WOLVES** (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Winner of seven Oscars.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE FIELD (12): Richard Harris in Thirties Ireland, fighting for his land. Grandly visualised, but windy drama, from the *My Left Foot* team.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

GOLDEN BRAID (15): Paul Cox's fetchingly strange tale of a clock repairer's obsession with a braid of hair, adapted from de Maupassant. Chris Haywood, Gosia Dobrowolska
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443).

◆ **THE GODFATHER PART III** (15): Brooding finale to Francis Ford Coppola's Mafia saga, handsomely staged but lacking resonance. Al Pacino, Andy Garcia, Talia Shire.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999).

◆ **GREEN CARD** (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy; director, Peter Weir.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: *Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111)* Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ **KING RALPH** (PG): Thin, boring vehicle for the burly John Goodman — a genial American slob who ascends the British throne. Starring Peter O'Toole.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Ups and downs of a North London family, depicted by master caricaturist Mike Leigh. Droll, farcical, at times oddly moving; with Alison Steadman.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691).

MISTER JOHNSON (12): Bruce Beresford's engrossing adaptation of Joyce Cary's novel about culture clashes in colonial Nigeria, starring Maynard Eziashi.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

◆ **MR AND MRS BRIDGE** (PG): Eloquent portrait of an upper middle-class American marriage, from Evan S. Connell's novels. Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman; director, James Ivory.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ **PACIFIC HEIGHTS** (15): Evil tenant Michael Keaton makes life hell for landlords Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith. Strenuous, implausible thriller; director, John Schlesinger.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

Q & A (18): Corruption and racism in New York's justice system. Electrifying performances (Nick Nolte, Armand Assante), though the end result carries less punch. Director, Sidney Lumet.
Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ **QUIGLEY DOWN UNDER** (12): Tom Selleck as a 19th-century sharp-shooter protecting aborigines in the outback. Lazy Aussie Western with a dog-eared script. Laura San Giacomo; director, Simon Wincer.
Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527).

TATIE DANIELLE (15): Agreeable, satirical portrait of a spiteful old woman, deliciously played by French stage veteran Tsilla Chelton. Director, Etienne Chatiliez.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
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■ **CARMEN JONES**: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical; great singing and packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

☐ **CAT WITH GREEN VIOLIN**: The home life of Louis Wain, obsessive cat artist and brother of five eccentric sisters. A disorganised play but wonderful batty lines.
Orange Tree, 1 Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Underground: Richmond. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Closes May 4.

☐ **THE CURE AT TROY**: Seamus Heaney's version of *Philoctetes* for Field Day. A raw drama of trust, duty and betrayal that transcends the ages from Ancient Greece to Ulster
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Underground: Kilburn. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time, 1hr 20mins. Closes April 27

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA**: Brian Friel's haunting memory-play sets catholic prudery up against pagan ecstasy. Alec McCowen and Dublin's Abbey Theatre
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

▨ **42ND STREET**: Irresistible tap-dancing novice-to-star musical back in town to give everyone a tonic.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Closes April 20.

☐ **THE HOMECOMING**: Warren Mitchell and others seducing and seduced by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins

▨ **JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL**: Peter O'Toole back playing the drunk-about-town columnist for a limited run.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins. Closes May 25

☐ **LOVE'S LABOURS LOST**: Enchanting production by Terry Hands. Ralph Fiennes and Amanda Root lead the quartet of couples.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Underground: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. Running time. 3hrs.

☐ **THE LUCKY SPOT**: Funny, stylish comedy by Beth Henley, set in a seedy Louisiana dance hall. Worth seeking out.
Attic, The Ballroom, 103 Broadway, SW19 (081-542 6141). Underground: Wimbledon. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Closes April 27.

■ **LULU**: The charismatic Joanne Whalley Kilmer as Wedekind's voracious sex goddess littering the salons of Europe with corpses.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Underground: Highbury & Islington. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Running time: 3hrs. Closes April 20.

▨ **MY LOVELY . . . SHAYNA MAIDEL**: An Auschwitz survivor meets the American half of her family. Anita Dobson in an accomplished and powerful play.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ **OUR OWN KIND**: Charlotte Coleman as a bright school girl caught up in a racial murder. Roy MacGregor's promising first play with excellent girl-talk.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Underground: Shepherds Bush. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 2hrs 20mins. Closes April 27.

☐ **RICK'S BAR CASABLANCA**: Leslie Grantham in the play the film was based on. Thin production that certainly "doesn't amount to a hill of beans".
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 6pm. Running time: 2hrs 5mins.

▨ **SILLY COW**: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred around Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. Running time. 2hrs 10mins.

▨ **TIMON OF ATHENS**: David Suchet suave and sulphurous in a modern-dress production by Trevor Nunn that enlivens Shakespeare's blank spots.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins. Closes April 20.

▨ ***TWELFTH NIGHT**: Peter Hall's* production stresses comedy and motive: with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Underground: Embankment. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins.

■ **TWO SHAKESPEAREAN ACTORS**: John Carlisle and Anton Lesser play rival Thespians in Richard Nelson's highly entertaining play about an Anglo-American *culture-war*.
The Pit, Barbican Centre (as left). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. Running time: 3hrs.

▨ **THE VISIT**: Théâtre de Complicité triumph in Dürrenmatt's black comedy of revenge and corruption.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. Running time: 2hrs 55mins.

☐ **WHY IS HERE THERE EVERYWHERE NOW**: Ingenious Lumière & Son production mixing up characters from Ibsen, Chekhov et al and bringing the audience in on the action. Good fun.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Underground: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Running time: 3hrs. Closes Saturday.

LONG RUNNERS: ▨ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ▨ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ■ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-437 3686) . . . ▨ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ *The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107)* . . . ▨ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132) . . . ▨ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

AGON: The Royal Ballet revives Balanchine's exhilaratingly taut work to Stravinsky music, on a bill with Ashton's *A Month in the Country* and MacMillan's *Requiem* set to Fauré's score (see review, left)
Royal Ballet, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm

10 FOR 1: The London Contemporary Dance Theatre's short season in homage to its late founder Robin Howard, presents the third and last programme which features Yael Flexer's *Tango* with Jane Dudley's *Harmonica Breakdown*
The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), 8pm

ANN MURRAY: The Irish mezzo-soprano gives a mixed recital of songs by Schubert, R. Strauss, Berlioz and Barber accompanied by pianist Graham Johnson.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm

BEETHOVEN STRING QUARTETS: The second of six Beethoven programmes by the Medici String Quartet, tonight performing Quartets Op18 No 2, Op59 No 2 and Op131.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 7.30pm.

SCOTT HAMILTON: At last acknowledged as a powerful jazz tenor player in his own right, he was once unfairly dismissed as a bad case of Thirties nostalgia.
Pizza On The Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-235 5550), 8.30pm.

DUTCH SWING COLLEGE BAND: Peter Schilperoort and his colleagues began their careers playing in secret during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. Despite the founder's recent death, the band continues to be a spirited purveyor of Dixieland classics
Towngate Theatre, Pagel Mead, Basildon (0268 532632), 8pm.

MARK ELDER: The talented conductor joins the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra to conduct Sibelius's *Pohjola's Daughter*, Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 1 (with soloist Joseph Swensen) and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6. This concert will be repeated in Birmingham next week.
Bedworth Civic Hall, High Street, Bedworth, Warwickshire (0203 311661), 7.30pm.

TWILIGHT OF THE TSARS: In the two decades before the Russian Revolution, the local avant-garde art movement included Art Nouveau architects, artist-craftsmen who went back to the land and the peasant for inspiration, and painters who wildly mixed and matched styles from all over the world. There were also the eclectic confectioners of Fabergé, hatching their mad Easter eggs, and artists who found all the exoticism they needed in the East. This fine show of Russian art at the turn of the century covers it all, looking back to an heroic past and forward to revolution.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (071-928 3144), 10am-6pm, closes May 19.

Play it on the screen, Sam

THEATRE

Rick's Bar Casablanca
Whitehall

THERE can be few film buffs, and not many anything buffs, who fail to think of *Casablanca* with affection. But what would it be without Ingrid Bergman blubbing from behind a silvery sheen, or Humphrey Bogart growling out his disillusion like a rusty road-drill? What without the mystique that attaches to its very name? The answer is now all too clear: a period melodrama, high-minded in its way, but unlikely to move many hearts or minds today.

This is the first production of the play on which the film was based in 1942. But those looking for freshness should be warned that the only surprise is how close the two are. The authors, Murray Burnett and Joan Alison, merited more than the tiny acknowledgement they received on celluloid. The same people come to Rick's Moroccan bar in search of exit visas to Portugal, where Nazi influence has not penetrated. Prime among them are still Laszlo, the voice of European freedom, and the heart-throb Lois, who abandoned Rick as the Germans entered Paris. After most of the same battles with French corruption and Gestapo malice, the same sweetly-sour conclusion arrives.

Moreover, everyone says the same things, often word for word. That may be fine when Rick wisecracks that he came to Casablanca for the waters and, on being reminded there aren't any, wryly adds, "I was misinformed". But when he is telling Lois she put all his beliefs into a little pile and set a match to it, or the Nazi sadist observes, "My dear Fräulein, perhaps you have observed, in Casablanca life is cheap" — well, what can be done when the sky just won't stop raining clichés?

The director, David Gilmore, has no answer either to that or to the kind of sensationalism that brings the first-act curtain crashing down on the revelation that Lois is married to Laszlo. What we buy or overlook on the screen is exposed as sham goods in the glare of the stage. But Gilmore could have helped himself and us by concentrating less on the colour and glamour of Rick's bar and more on what makes it sinister and dangerous. A combined assault by Hitler and Ghengis Khan seems unlikely to ruffle the clothes, hair or tranquillity of Shelley Thompson's Lois; and Leslie Grantham's Rick ranges all the way from the cool to the impassive and back again.

Trevor Michael Georges as Sam and Leslie Grantham

It is a lot to ask even the most gifted actor to compete with Bogie's ghost. But Grantham could do much more to suggest Rick's harshness, ennui and grudging reawakening to his moral and political obligat
pattern embodied the
in 1942. For what it
does so now.

BENEDICT NIGH

THEATRE

Much Ado About Nothing
Barbican

BILL Alexander's lovely production is set in a garden. In the foreground the velvet lawn merges into a marble pavement, like the landscape of a dream, as though to make a place for scenes Shakespeare sets elsewhere, in Leonato's house or in Messina's streets. But as it turns out everything happens in the garden (designed by Kit Surrey), a deep, green space enclosed by not quite symmetrical yew hedges that leaves gaps for surprise entrances, and arches where the villainous Don John is discovered lurking, like a poisonous statue.

The garden is a formal place where marriages are arranged but also, when hearts and footsteps quicken, where love grows. Just as certain, it is where love can nearly be destroyed by hatred.

Alex Kingston's Hero and her maidservants run on to the grass in a flurry of silk farthingales: exuberant youngsters seemingly without cares. Beatrice (Susan Fleetwood) contrives an exuberance of a different kind: her thick red hair is tempest-tossed and the playful sport with a sword, poking it at Leonato's midriff, prefigures her verbal sparring with the younger men.

There is something strained and too harsh in Fleetwood's playing of the early scenes, more than her awkward position as poor relation explains, for in mocking Benedick as a licensed jester she unwittingly describes herself. Not until her scene with John Carlisle's courteously condescending Prince does she ease up on the frenzied wit and let a moment of reflection suggest the presence of pain.

This is developed in her gulling scene. Where Alexander gives full rein to the merriment when it is Benedick's turn, for Beatrice his approach is more sober and penetrating. At Hero's "She cannot love" a shadow passes over Fleetwood's face. And for the rest of the scene she stands motionless behind the hedge, occasionally pressing her cheek against a hand. Afterwards a softer tone enters her voice, the air of a manic tragedy-queen vanishes and when next alone with Benedick her halting tenderness touches the heart.

Roger Allam's Benedick is the glory of this production. He *is* a bit of a jester, even recalling Terry-Thomas when his teeth flash. His voice dances up the scale, almost expiring as it approaches the word "marriage" which he *lets* dangle in the air as if held by invisible tongs. As he perches inside a cypress for his blissfully funny gulling scene, the smoke from his cheroot comes puffing out like signals of distress. Yet the passion of his later scenes is implicit in his early frolics — jesters are sober at heart — so that it is fitting that this production should end with Beatrice almost swooning in his arms during a long, intense, delirious kiss.

JEREMY KINGSTON

ROCK

Tom Jones
Wembley Arena

MUCH has lately been published and broadcast about this singer's change of image from the stereotype of medallion-wearing machismo. But when Tom Jones made his first Wembley Arena appearance since 1965, here was the pelvis-thrusting action-man of old, belting out "Delilah", the peerless mini-melodrama by Les Reed and Barry Mason, which he took to the top of the charts in 1968. Here, too, were female audience members offering him items of their underwear with which to wipe the sweat from his body. "Take *what* off?", he teased, after their entreaties had induced him to undo his shirt-front. "This isn't Chippendales [the touring beefcake show], you know."

Jones's sense of humour, like his heroic voice, is in remarkably good shape after a quarter-century of performing. He also offset the brashness of his overtly provocative antics by getting two toddlers up from the audience and by bringing on his own grandson for the final encore.

He has a new, young following since his version of Prince's "Kiss" with the Art of Noise in 1988, but the six-to-sixty audience on Wednesday night seemed more attuned to his early hits, from "It's Not Unusual" through "Green, Green Grass of Home" and "Funny, Familiar, Forgotten Feelings" to "I (Who Have
and these were well pr
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could muster. "The
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this Errol Flynn of pop
might wish.

TONY

DANCE

Agon/A Month in the Country/Requiem
Covent Garden

APPLAUSE is generally welcome in the theatre, but coming between the sections of a requiem it might imply a failure to communicate its intentions. That happened in Wednesday's performance by the Royal Ballet, which had returned from a successful short season in Washington.

Fauré's Requiem is arguably on the sentimental side anyway, but when Kenneth MacMillan created it in Stuttgart as a memorial to John Cranko, the dancers there gave it a muscularity and rapture largely missing from the Royal Ballet's performances.

There is no lack of earnestness from the cast, but the total effect is sanctimonious where a more urgent quality is needed, like that of the drawings by Blake which the choreographer took as inspiration.

At least Darcey Bussell shows herself a pliant and devoted servant of MacMillan's purposes in this. In a revival of *Agon*, Balanchine's energetic style again partly eludes her, much as her physique and go-for-it personality suggest that she ought to be right. But *Agon* as a whole had an enfeebled interpretation on stage and in the pit under Isaiah Jackson's direction.

Christopher Saunders supported Bussell ably in the *pas de deux*, and Deborah Bull combines strength and subtlety in her solo, but the best dancing came mostly from the subsidiary dancers: Anne Breckell (nude solo roles) and Belinda Hatley overcoming the tenuous accompaniment of their Gailliard; Adam Cooper and Michael Nunn crisp in their dance in canon to the Bransle Simple.

In the middle of the programme came *A Month in the Country*, with debuts by Gene
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Ashton's *Illumination*
overdue for revival as
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JOHN P

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

OLLA
(c) An earthenware pot used for cooking, from the Spanish *olla* a pot: "He can marinat fish, make gellies; he is passing good for an ollia."

RIPRAP
(c) Loose stone thrown down in water or on a soft bottom to form a foundation for a breakwater or other work, probably from *rap* meaning a blow: "At the worst places ripraps of brush and stones have been built to confine the river to its bed."

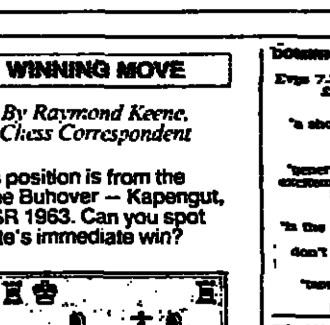
APODOSIS
(b) The concluding clause of an "if" sentence, contrasted with the introductory clause, or protasis. "If thine enemy hunger, *feed him*." From the Greek *apodidonai* to give back.

PECTIN
(c) A white neutral substance, soluble in water, formed from pectose by heating with acids, or naturally in the ripening of fruits, and constituting the gelatinising agent in vegetable juices, from the Greek *pegnuein* to make firm or solid: "Over-ripe fruit will not set so well because it will contain less pectin."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Buhover — Kapengut, USSR 1963. Can you spot White's immediate win?



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BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Science Foundation Course – Energy Ends at 7.10

8.00 News

8.15 Travel Show UK Mini Guides. Lyme Regis in Dorset (r)

8.20 Come Lads and Lasses. One in four children in Reading, Berkshire, is learning to play an instrument. Every summer 700 children under the age of 12 gather to play at the Reading Schools' Music Festival (r)

9.00 Film: Maisie Gets Her Man (1942, b/w) Another is the "Maisie" series of romantic comedies starring Ann Sothern. Her co-star in this offering is Red Skelton Directed by Roy Del Ruth

10.20 Film: Criminal Court (1946, b/w) Tom Conway stars as a successful young lawyer running for district attorney who becomes worried when his girlfriend (Martha O'Driscoll) announces that she is to perform at a notorious night club owned by a ruthless gangster Directed by Robert Wise, who later made *The Sound of Music*.

11.25 Film: Here Come the Co-Eds (1945, b/w) Comedy starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello as caretakers let loose in an exclusive ladies' finishing school Directed by Jean Yarbrough

12.50 Postcards from Down Under. Carol Vorderman visits the mystical Ayers Rock and the majestic Olgas mountains

1.20 Pie in the Sky. Animation (r) 1.35 A Taste of Health. Italian restaurateur Antonio Carluccio and Middle Eastern cookery writer Claudia Roden rustle up tasty, cheap and healthy food from the simplest of ingredients (r)

2.00 News and weather 2.10 Holiday Outings. A two-week self-catering, sailing holiday around the Greek islands of Cephalonia and Ithaca (r) 2.20 Ghost Train. An journey into the world of psychic phenomena and the paranormal (Ceefax)

3.00 News and weather followed by Threat. A documentary exploring the catastrophic effect of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster on the lives of the reindeer herders of Lapland (r) 3.50 News, regional news and weather

4.00 Marakova Special. An *Omnibus* special in which Soviet prima ballerina Natalia Makarova returns to her homeland (r) 5.00 Holiday 91. Painting in Provence and fishing in Devon (r) (Ceefax) 5.30 Top Gear. Includes a road test on the new Mazda 121 (r)

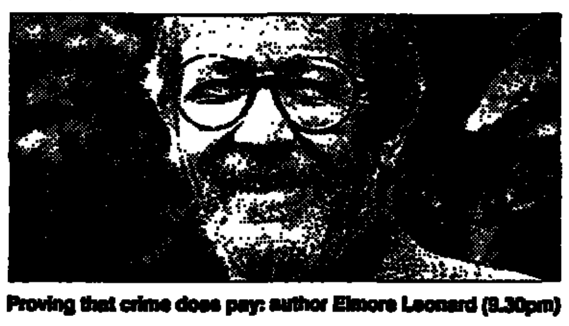
6.00 Film: The Young Ones (1962). Yet another showing for this Cliff Richard vehicle about pop singer Nicky Black in conflict with his property tycoon father Robert Morley over a youth club. Hopelessly dated, unbelievably silly but still great fun. Also stars Carole Gray, Richard O'Sullivan and Melvyn Hayes. Directed by Sidney J. Furie. Wales A Way with Numbers 6.30 Mexico Vivo 6.55 France Actuelle 7.20 One in Four

7.45 What the Papers Say. With the *Guardian*'s Alan Rusbridger

8.00 Caught in the Crossfire. A documentary about the appalling situation in Sindh, the industrial and financial heartland of Pakistan. Two communities within the province are at war – the Urdu speaking Mohajir and the Sindhis – and for the inhabitants there are no victors in this violent and bloody conflict

8.30 Gardeners' World. Includes Dr Stefan Buczacki reporting from the alpines conference and show at Warwick university

9.00 Rory Bremner. Comedy impressions from the talented entertainer, with help from John Fortune and John Bird


Proving that crime does pay: author Elmore Leonard (9.30pm)

9.30 Arena: Elmore Leonard's Criminal Records.
● CHOICE. Leonard, the best-selling American crime writer, has a droll literary agent who, when asked what kind of writing paid the best, replied: "Ransom notes." But it could have been Leonard himself talking, for here is living proof that crime *does* pay And how! So commercially-minded is this former writer of western yarns that when he penned his urban thriller *City Primeval*, he added the subtitle *High Noon in Detroit*. Thus, two reader targets were hit with the same bullet. Leonard's is a world of guns He is seen in his element tonight when, in the interests of research, he inspects the weapons-as-evidence storeroom at a local police HQ – 40,000 guns as well as countless swords, baseball bats, and a coffin. "And", says Leonard, his eye never straying from the main chance, "there's a story in every one of them"

10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow 11.15 Weather

11.20 *Golf: The US Masters 1991*. Steve Rider introduces action from the second round of the US Masters in Augusta, Georgia. Ends at 12.50am

ITV

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Lucky Ladders. Game show presented by Lennie Bennett 9.55 Thames News and weather

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion chaired by Mike Scott

10.40 This Morning. Magazine show presented by husband and wife team Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan

12.10 Rainbow. Educational entertainment for the very young (r)

12.30 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather

1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice

2.20 Simply the Best – A Celebration of British Food. Stephen Ross demonstrates hydropathic puddings and tells how the French Revolution beget the English strawberry 2.50 Jumble Game show hosted by Jeff Stevenson

3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors

3.55 Ask Oddie. Informative children's programme 4.15 Scooby Doo. Cartoon 4.40 Finders Keepers. New game show hosted by Neil Buchanan in which children raid a two-storey house for hidden objects

5.10 Home and Away (r)

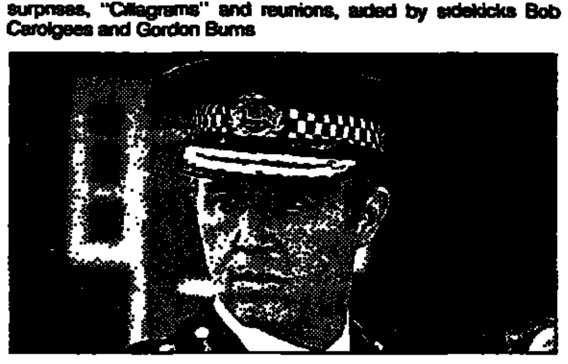
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong (Oracle) Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock Live. Frank Bough and Joanna Sheldon introduce news, views and chat with guests actress Stephanie Powers and actor Leslie Grantham, discussing their respective West End shows *Matador* and *Rick's Bar, Casablanca* With guest reporter Viscount Althorp Followed by Weather 6.55 The Day. The work of the London Wildlife Trust

7.00 Through The Keyhole David Frost hosts the first of a new series in which the rich and famous invite Loyd Grossman into their homes, while Pamela Armstrong, Alan Coren and Eve Pollard try to guess who the celebrities are

7.30 Coronation Street. More trouble and strife on, and off, the streets of Weatherfield (Oracle)

8.00 Surprise! Surprise! Cilla Black, returns with more soft-hearted surprises, "Cillagrams" and reunions, aided by sidekicks Bob Carolgees and Gordon Burns


Taking charge of a hostage drama: Tim Pigott-Smith (9.00pm)

9.00 The Chief. Episode two of the six-part police drama starring Tim Pigott-Smith as chief constable of Eastland, John Stafford, now reinstated after his clash with the Home Office. Tonight, the tough chief becomes involved in a siege when a young hitchhiker is abducted. With Karen Archer, Judy Loe, Eamon Boland and T.P. McKenna. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Trevor McDonald (Oracle) Weather 10.35 LWT News and weather followed by The Day

10.40 Crime Monthly. Paul Ross presents ITV's answer to BBC's *Crimewatch UK*, appealing for information from viewers on the recent murder of an antiques dealer in Palmers Green and a drugs raid on a pub in Kentish Town

11.40 Jake and the Fatman: Someone To Watch Over Me. More action, mystery and adventure starring Joe Penny and William Conrad as the unlikely duo of Jake, the gritty district attorney, and Fatman McCabe, the savvy private investigator

12.35am Dirty Dancing. Spin-off series from the hit movie, but without any of the big names

1.05 The James Whale Radio Show. Phone-ins with the loud-mouthed DJ. George Davies, Rose-Marie and members of the exotic male dance troupe the Chippendales discuss British men's attitude to fashion

2.05 Word of Mouth. Comedian John Hegley presents the poetry series

2.35 Raw Power. Rock videos

3.35 CinemaAttractions. Highlights from some of the best movies that are currently doing the rounds in the US

4.05 American Gladiators. Fran Tarkenton and Tim Wrightman introduce six challengers competing for the title of American Gladiator of the Year

5.00 Ski World. Where to go, what to wear, and the best equipment to use

5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 Poetry Book. Sir Walter Scott's *Young Lochinvar* is read by Billy Connolly, with illustrations by Nilesh Mistry

9.30 California Off Beat. Unusual aspects of Californian life (r)

10.00 The Horse in Sport. Harness racing (r)

11.00 Equinox: Superpowers. An investigation into claims of paranormal phenomena (r)

12.00 Time to Talk. Actress Susan Hampshire talks about her childhood and in particular how she coped with dyslexia (r)

12.30 Business Daily presented by Greg Wood

1.00 Sesame Street. Learning made fun for pre-school children

2.00 Film: They Were Sisters (1945 b/w)
● CHOICE James Mason's apprenticeship as a hasty bit of work was already well advanced when he took on the role of Dulcie Gray's sadistic husband in Arthur Crabtree's melodrama That was in 1945 One way and another it proved to be one of his most villainous years, since it also saw him playing Ann Todd's wicked guardian in *The Seventh Veil* and Margaret Lockwood's rival in highway robbery in *The Wicked Lady* Mason was not so kindly disposed towards *They Were Sisters* as was the anonymous film critic of *The Times* who thought that the film, though on the long side, was "intelligent". Mason, desperately trying to find the motivation for his beastly behaviour towards his spouse in the film, said: "I had to keep telling myself that she had a heavy hand in the kitchen, provoking antagonism and dyspepsia"

4.10 Film: Cactus Makes Perfect (1942, b/w). A Three Stooges short in which Larry Curly and Moe invent a robot that can detect lost gold

4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quiz game show

5.00 I Love Lucy (b/w) Vintage American comedy series

5.30 Sumo Action from day 11 of the Autumn Basho

6.00 Kate & Allie American sitcom (r)

6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests are boxers Gary Stretch and Chris Eubank (who meet for the WBO middleweight championship on Thursday), psychic Mystic Malcolm and actress Sara Crowe

7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext)

7.50 The A–Z of Censorship. E stands for Environment and Exile, F for Freedom of information, Fundamentalism and Famine

8.00 Brookside Soap set in the Merseyside suburbs

8.30 Short Stories: A Little Vicious.
● CHOICE Even the most committed dog-lover, so sensitively attuned to his pet that he won't hear a word spoken against it without growling, may be a little unclear what animal trainer Vicki Hearne means when she says in Immy Humes's film about a pitbull terrier under sentence of death. "Dogs are made out of human language You can train a dog if you have read the right poems." Miss Hearne is clearly a literary-minded young lady, because she also calls on Dickens as a witness for her case, though here again, there is some ambiguity The sentenced dog is called Bandit, and he is no lap-dog He bites, and charges cows and tractors. Miss Hearne is given the job of trying to rehabilitate him – a process that calls for much more than the reading of verse

Under sentence of death: Bandit, the pitbull terrier (8.30pm)

9.00 Cheers: The Days of Wine and Neuroses. Having accepted an offer of marriage Rebecca (Kirstie Alley) drowns her sorrows in drink

9.30 Garden Club. Rebecca Pow, Matthew Biggs and Roy Lancaster visit gardens in North Wales Last in the series

10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking American comedy series

10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Clive Anderson hosts the improvisation show currently based in New York With regulars Mike McShane and Sandi Toksvig being joined by American improvisers Jim Meskimen and Chris Smith

11.00 Banned: Only Joking. An edition of *Signals* which includes footage of the controversial American comedian Andrew Clay (r)

12.00 Banned: Sexual Intercourse Began in 1963. A dramatic reconstruction of Penguin Books' obscenity trial for publishing the unabridged version of the D.H. Lawrence novel *Lady Chatterley's Lover* (r)

1.00am Banned: Dispatches – The Stasi Tapes. Documentary that examines the threatening influence of the East German police force not only over its own citizens but also over any visitors (r)

1.45 Sumo. Repeat of the programme shown at 5.30 Ends at 2.15

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GRANADA

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Bratpack 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Granada Up Front 11.40 Hooperman 12.10am-1.05 Friday the 13th 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 4.00 Space 4.50 Night Flight 5.20-6.30 Gloria Estefan

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Gardening Time 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 HTV Sportsweek 10.40 It's Nearly Saturday 11.40 Hooperman 12 10am-1.05 In the Heat of the Night 2.05 CinemAttractions 2.35 Film: The Howling 4.10 America's Top Ten 4.40 Mystery Theatre 5.10-6.30 Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7 00 Stopwatch 10.40-11.40 Dennis O'Neill Sings in Concert

TSW

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Taxi 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.40 Hooperman 12 10-1.05 Friday the 13th 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 4.00 Space 4.50 Night Flight 5.20-6.30 Gloria Estefan

TVS

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Countryside Close 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast Weekend Special 6.50-7.00 Police 5 10.40 After the News 11.40 Hooperman 12.10am-1.05 Wolf 2.05 The Young Riders 3.00 Raw Power 4.00 Phenomena 4.10 Sally Jessy Raphael 5.00-6.30 The Chennon & Ball Video Show

TYNE TEES

As London except: 6.00pm Northern Life 6.30-7.00 On the Wild Side 10.40 The Friday Documentary: Leonardo Says Yes 11.25 Billy 11.40 Hooperman 12.10am-1.05 Friday the 13th 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 4.00 Space 4.50 Night Flight 5.20-6.30 Gloria Estefan

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7 00 Sportsbeat 10.40 Kelly 12.10am-1.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 4.00 Space 4.50 Night Flight 5.20-6.30 Gloria Estefan

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55pm-2.20 An Invitation to Remember: Robert Morley 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7 00 Seeing Stars 10.40 Film: The Bat 12.05am-1.05 Friday the 13th 2.05 The Concert 3.00 Kojak 4.00 Silk Road 4.55 Natalie Cole 5.05-5.30 Jacksons

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RTE 1

Starts: 12.30pm Arts Express 1.00 News 1.40 Crusade in the Pacific 2.00 GP 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Sons and Daughters 4.30 The Forsyte Saga 5.30 The Sullivans 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Play the Game 7.30 Bless Me Father 8.00 Winning Streak 8.30 Shalong All Over 9.00 News 9.30 The Late Late Show 11.35-1.20 News and Film: The Klansman

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 World of Horses 8.00 News followed by Sportsworld 9.00 Golf: US Masters 11.00 Film: A Little Doll 1.10 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1 30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3 15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7 00 Love at First Sight 7 30 Growing Pains 8.00 Riptide 9.00 Hunter 10.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 11.00 The Deadly Ernest Horror Show Trilogy of Terror (1975) 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
5.00am Sunrise 9.00 Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.00 Dayline 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 NBC Today 2.30 CBS News 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Those Were the Days 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Tarka the Otter (1979) Animal adventure following an otter's journey along the riverbanks of England
12.00 The Lighthorsemen (1988) Historical action epic detailing a first world war battle in Palestine, won for the British by the Australian Lighthorsemen
2.00pm A Man and a Woman – Twenty Years On (1986) Sequel to the 1966 hit, *A Man and a Woman*. Anouk Aimee is now a film producer and Jean-Louis Trintignant is a racing-car driver
4.00 Deadly Game (1986): John Lithgow decides to make a fully-armed nuclear device for a high school science project
6.00 Go Towards the Light (1988). The true story of eight-year-old Ben Oyler, a haemophiliac diagnosed as having Aids. Starring Joshua Harris
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Iron Warrior (1987) Sword and sorcery adventure starring Miles O'Keefe as the warrior Ator, who sets out to rescue a damsel-in distress, held captive by an evil witch
10.00 Watchers (1988) Corey Haim is pursued by an experimental beast from a science laboratory
11 30 Death Wish 4: The Crackdown (1987) Charles Bronson deals out his own brand of justice when his girlfriend's daughter dies of a drug overdose
1 05am Do You Know the Muffin Man? (1990) Pam Dauber and John Shea discover that their child has been abused at a daycare centre
2.40 Hometown USA (1979) Nostalgic look back at teenage life in the rock 'n' roll era of the Fifties
4 10 Stealing Home (1988) Baseball player Mark Harmon's past provides him with the strength to face the future Ends at 5.45

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Today 6.00 DJ Kat 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 European Open Snooker 10.00 Free Style Skiing 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 World Championship Ice Hockey 1.00pm Davis Cup Tennis 3.00 Equestrianism 4.30 Dog Channel 5.00 World Sports Special 5.30 World Strength Championships 6.00 Grid Iron 6.30 Eurosport News 7 00 Grand Prix Sailing 8.00 WWF Wrestling 9.30 Big Wheels 10.00 European Open Snooker 12.00 Davis Cup Tennis 2.30am *Eurosport News*

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7 00am Supercross 8.00 Major League Baseball 9.00 Motor Sport F3000 10.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling The Main Event 11.00 Tennis 12.30pm Ten High British Classic 1 00 US PGA Golf 3.00 Citroen Ski Europe 4.00 Argentinian Football 5.00 Stop-Mud and Monsters 6.00 NBA Basketball 8.00 Go 9.00 Live Golf: The Augusta Masters 11.00 US Pro Boxing 12.30am NHL Ice Hockey 2.30 Pro Box 4.30 World Snooker Classics 6.30 Tenpin Bowling

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Star Time 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1 35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Divorce Court 2.25 It's Your Lifestyle 2.35 The David Niven Show 3.05 Rafferty's Rules 3.55 Tea Break 4.05 Phyllis 4.35 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
2.50pm Just the Way You Are (1984) Kristy McNichol disguises her crippled foot in plaster and embarks on a skiing holiday Co-stars Michael Ontkean
4.25 The Bad News Bears Go to Japan (1978) Tony Curtis stars in the third in the series of films about the little league baseball team
6.00 The Incredible Shrinking Woman. (1981) Housewife Lily Tomlin shrinks to within an inch of her life after constant exposure to the household products of an evil corporation
8.00 Another Woman (1988). Woody Allen drama about a middle-aged woman (Gena Rowlands) who discovers that she is not who she thought she was
10.00 No Mercy (1986) Cop Richard Gere begins a torrid romance with Kim Basinger, the girlfriend of his partner's murderer
11.50 Fatal Attraction (1987) Michael Douglas and Glenn Close share an illicit liaison which turns dangerous for Douglas when he returns to wife Anne Archer
1.50am Night of the Creeps (1985) Cliché-ridden horror spoof about two boys who unwittingly release a plague of aliens and turn the local students into brain-hungry zombies
3.20 Take a Girl Like You (1970) Teacher Hayley Mills is pursued by various womanisers when she moves to the south. Co-stars Oliver Reed Ends at 5.05am

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
1.00pm Test Match Highlights 2.00 US Masters Golf Preview 4.00 Tuff Trax 5.00 Hydroplaning 6.00 Torque 7.00 Australian Rugby League 9.00 Golf Live US Masters 11.30 The IBM ATP Tennis Magazine 12.30am Australian Rugby League

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2.00 Opera News (r)

2.45 Mining the Archive: A profile of the Norwegian soprano Kirsten Flagstad. Schubert (Dem unendlichen; Die Liebe hat gelogen; Der Atlas; Die Krahe; Die junge Nonne; Der Musensohn; Die Allmacht: with Ernest Lush, piano). 3.20 A 1950 talk by Flagstad, *On Singing Wagner* 3.30 Grieg (Songs. BBC SO under Malcolm Sargent)

4.00 Roth Quartet performs Watkins (String Quartet); Dvořák (String Quartet in E flat, Op 51) (r)

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure, with David Hoult

6.30 The Glass Enclosure: Alyn Shipton with the second of four programmes on the jazz pianist Bud Powell

7.00 News

7.05 Third Ear The painter Euan Uglow talks to Richard Kendall

7.30 Oslo PO Live from the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow, Mariss Jansons conducts Brahms (Symphony No 2 in D, Op 73) 8.15 Looking Down the Wells
● CHOICE. Following up a newspaper report, Norman Lewis visited the Greek island of Ayia Inni, where it was said wives were disposing of their husbands by throwing them down dry wells Since the island boasted some 100 wells and the island policemen had only examined three of them, it seems to have been more an occasion to sample local hospitality than to stand up a dodgy story After this concert interval reading, you might proceed to the Wagner pondering the Greek proverb quoted by Lewis: "It's the sins we don't commit that we regret " (r)
8.35 Wagner (Prelude and Liebestod. Tristan und Isolde); Ravel (Daphnis et Chloé, Suite No 2)

9.20 The Sciascia Affair Paul Bailey travels to Sicily to investigate the life and work of Leonardo Sciascia, the late Italian author

10.05 Edith Vogel The pianist plays Beethoven (Two Rondos, Op 51 Sonata in D, Op 28)

10.55 BBC Singers under John Alldis and Stephen Jackson sing Martyn Harry (Heimat), Maconchy (The Leaden Echo and the Golden Echo)

11.30 News

11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week. Mozart (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing. Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather

8.43 A Year in Provence: May. Written and read by Peter Mayle (final part) (s) 8.58 Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Desert Island Discs: The castaway this week is the author Naomi Mitchison (s) (r)

9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs listeners' comments about BBC programmes and policy

10.00 News; Special Assignment

10.30 Morning Story: The Shoes, by Brian McCabe Read by Jimmy Chisholm

10.45 Daily Service (s)

11.00 News. In Their Element: Fire. The third of four programmes reflecting personal views of the elements. Pyrotechnics experts, fire-eaters, a Nasa astronaut and the oil-well fire fighter Red Adair, talk about their experiences (s)

11.47 The Black Heart Paul Hyland concludes his journey up the River Congo, inspired by Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* and by the memory of his great-uncle, Dan Crawford

12.00 News, You and Yours: Take Care The second of six programmes on care in the community In *Is Your Home Your Castle?*, Debbie Thrower examines the importance of housing

12.25pm The Food Programme: Derek Cooper tastes a hotpot of local dishes in Lancashire 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) 1 55 Shipping

2.00 News. Woman's Hour From Birmingham Anne Brown introduces a discussion on pornography Listeners can ring 021-432 5432, between 1pm and 2 45pm, with their views on the subject

3.00 News Classic Serial. The Absentee The second half of Nick McCarty's adaptation of Maria Edgeworth's saga of an Anglo-Irish family, published in 1812 (s) (r)

4.00 News

4.05 Tea Junction: Topical discussion show in which Patrick Hannan and his guests take a sceptical look at the week's events

4.30 Kaleidoscope: Tim Marlow views the work of sculptor Jannis Kounellis at the Dean Clough in Yorkshire; Colin Ford reviews Marketa Luskacova's photographs of Spitalfields at the Whitechapel Gallery; and Lavinia Greenlaw reads a selection of her poetry (s)

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report

6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin presents the transport magazine

7 00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week, with Margaret Howard (s)

8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Calver, Derbyshire by Donald Dewar, MP, Labour party spokesman on Scotland, Janet Cohen, the banker and novelist Martin Jacques, editor of *Marxism Today* and Sir George Young, housing and planning minister

8.50 Stop Press, with Sheena MacDonald

9.15 Kaleidoscope Lucy Duran examines how the younger generations of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish communities in England view their past culture and customs (s) (r)

9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime. Tuppence for the Rainbow, by Leslie Sands (5 of 8)

11.00 Week Ending A satirical review of the week's news (s)

11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton (s)

11.45 Return Ticket Test Tube Baby Robert Edwards recalls the events leading to the birth of Louise Brown, the first "test tube" baby (r)

12.00-12.30am News incl 12.20am Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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WORLD SERVICE

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Thatcher disowns onslaught on Major

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

MARGARET Thatcher yesterday disowned a statement from the Bruges Group that had accused the prime minister of looking wimpish and of wobbling in his approach to the massacre of Kurdish refugees.

The criticism by the Bruges Group, of which Mrs Thatcher is honorary president, sparked recriminations among its membership as MPs dissociated themselves from the statement and others threatened to resign from the anti-European federal pressure group. As the group's secretary attempted to deflect mounting criticism of his role in issuing the statement, Conservative supporters issued a warning that the attack on John Major had undermined its credibility and put its existence at risk.

However, the response to the attack reflected nervousness among Conservatives at the damage being caused to the party by repeated carping about Mr Major's leadership.

Last night that concern was highlighted when a statement was issued from Lord Lane of Horsell, chairman of the national union executive of the party, backing the prime minister's initiative for a safe haven for Kurds.

The damaging controversy was caused by a report from Patrick Robertson, the group's secretary, and Alan Sked, a member of its academic council, in which they accused Mr Major of "wobbling" and "gesture politics" in conducting foreign policy in the aftermath of the Gulf war.

Recognising the damage being caused to the party, Mrs Thatcher took the unusual step of issuing a statement of repudiation. She apparently intends to remain as honorary president of the group but other supporters denounced the statement, questioned the judgment of Mr Robertson and predicted it would lead to a loss of financial support from the business world.

Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Birmingham Selly Oak, resigned from what he described as "this fifth column in our midst". Dismissing Mr Robertson as a zealot he said: "There will be a sound of pattering feet leaving this particular boat."

As Mr Robertson defended his criticism of the prime minister, Lord Harris of High Cross, chairman of the group, said the "intemperate" statement had been a serious misjudgment. He demanded that Mr Robertson make it clear that the statement was the personal view of himself and Dr Sked. "Unless Patrick withdraws this then there will be a breakdown of confidence."

Among Conservative MPs considering their position in the group are Norman Tebbit, former chairman of the party and William Cash, the member for Stafford.

Labour was delighted with the clash. Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said last night there was now "internecine warfare" within the Conservative party.

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US seeks to avoid conflict

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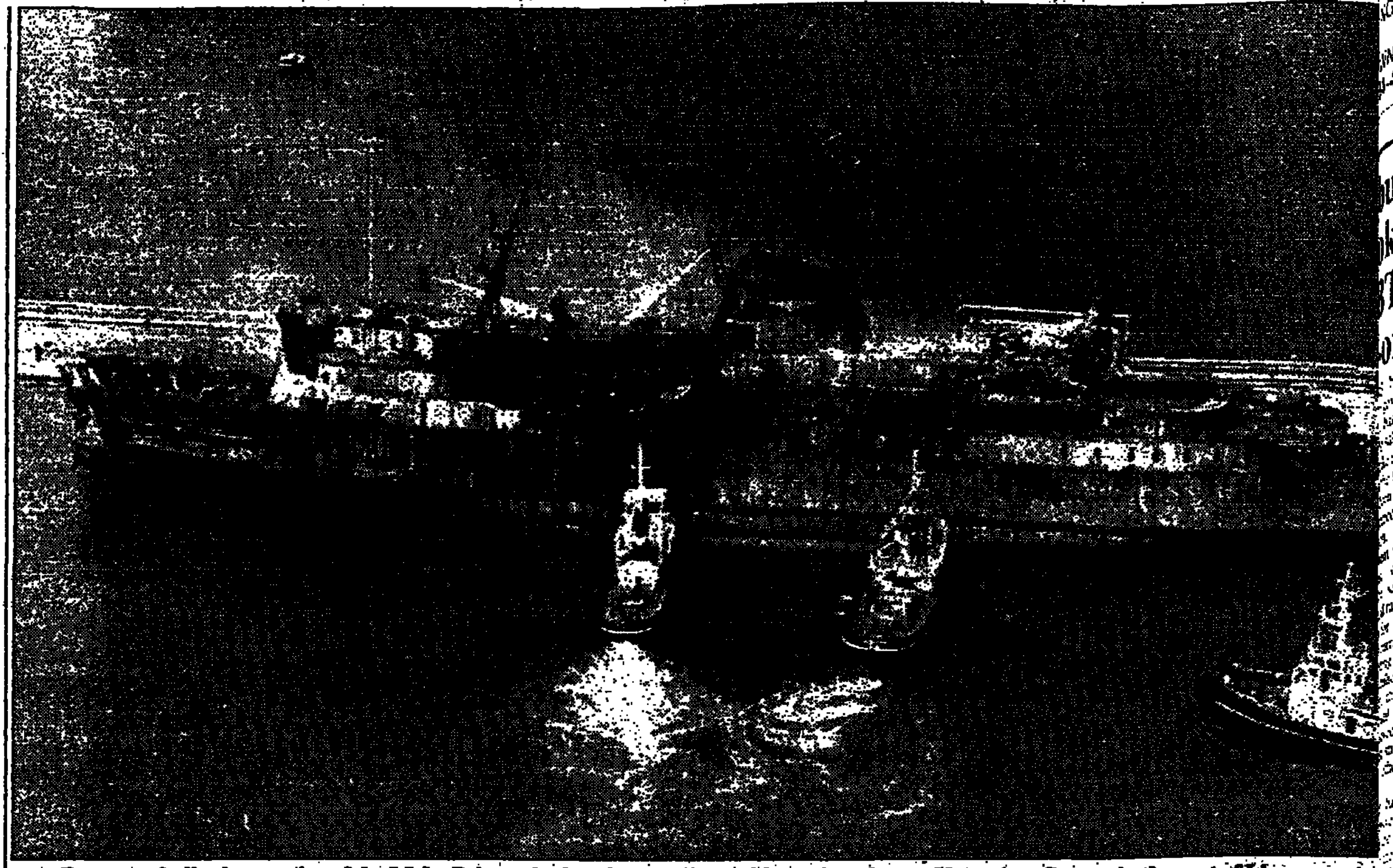
edged a difference of emphasis on the two sides of the Atlantic. "We were less bellicose . . . we have been stressing the need to stay out of the conflict," he said. From the comments of other officials it appeared that America might be prepared to shoot down Iraqi military planes, but would be extremely reluctant to commit ground troops in Iraq again except possibly as part of a UN force.

Washington's determination to avoid entanglement in the "quagmire" of Iraq's internal strife was a big factor in its decision to establish what American officials now admit is a "de facto safe haven" in northern Iraq, thereby — it hoped — rendering unnecessary the formal UN-protected haven that Britain had proposed.

Creating a formal haven would breach the UN principle of not interfering in the internal affairs of member states, and is opposed on those grounds by the Soviet Union and China. US officials also argue that a de facto haven will be easier to dismantle once the threat from Saddam is over and hence less likely to lead to Iraq's fragmentation.



Burnt-out hulk: the remains of the Moby Prince, the ferry that collided with an oil tanker and burst into flames, in the port of Livorno yester

Oil inferno kills 140 after ferry rams tanker outside Livorno

From Andrew McEwen in Livorno

ITALIAN officials last night began a grim search for the bodies of about 140 people on board the burnt-out hulk of a passenger ferry which caught fire after ramming a tanker outside the port of Livorno.

The search was confined to the deck of the ferry since it was too hot to go inside the vessel. The tanker was last night still burning fiercely with smoke belching from the crew's quarters while several fire-fighting vessels attempted to quench the flames. Firemen have found one dead crew member.

A second search was underway near Genoa for survivors after an explosion on board another tanker which killed at least one man.

The only known survivor was the ferry's cabin attendant, who clung to a rail for two hours before being rescued by coastguards. Looking dazed but not seriously hurt, Alessio Bertrand, aged 24, said: "I was watching a soccer match on television with friends when we heard a bang. We tried to run outside but there were flames and smoke everywhere.

"We forced our way through a door but the smoke was so dense we could not see where we were going. My companions were overcome by the fumes.

"I tried to give them mouth to mouth resuscitation but it didn't work. My friends died beside me, it's a miracle I'm alive. I heard screams from the passengers and other crew members but there was nothing I could do."

Renato Superina: captain of the rammed tanker

"Then I found a way out, walking over burnt bodies. But I couldn't jump off because oil was burning in the sea. I then hung on, I don't know how, for about two hours. Then the coastguard came, he told me to jump off and then picked me up out of the water."

The disaster, one of its worst in Italian history, happened in darkness and dense fog. The Moby Prince, carrying 74 passengers, 68 crew and about 30 cars, left Livorno at 10.30pm on Wednesday for Olbia in Sardinia. It was between 2½ and 3 miles out when it hit the tanker Agip Abruzzo, which was at anchor. Most of the tanker's 28 crew members, were believed to have been rescued unhurt.

Sergio Albanese, captain of the port of Livorno, who was co-ordinating rescue operations, attributed the collision to dense fog, but this would not explain the ferry's failure to see the tanker on radar. Carlo Vizzini, minister for the merchant marine, said there had been human error.

Just before the ship sailed, millions of Italians had finished watching Barcelona playing Juventus, while a second game, between Lisbon and Inter had begun 10 minutes before it set off.

It may never be known whether the games had distracted the crew's attention. Mr Bertrand said that while he and others were watching football he assumed that colleagues on the bridge were manning the controls.

Captain Albanese ruled out the possibility that the crew had put the ship on automatic pilot, on the ground that it was too close to port. He said it would have been moving slowly because it was in a speed restricted area.

Immediately after the collision the ferry reversed sharply and sent out an SOS signal, showing that the crew did not lose control immediately. A second distress signal, from the tanker, was received soon afterwards.

The collision punctured one of the main tanks on the tanker, spilling part of its cargo of 2,700 tonnes of crude oil and setting the sea on fire.

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Secretary, when he unveils a league table of the models most vulnerable to theft or break-in.

Car makers thought that coded radios, which should be useless when removed from the car, would deter thieves. The sets can only be unscrambled by punching in a pre-programmed, secret four-digit code number.

But the industry is concerned about companies claiming to be able to recode radios which could then be be sold on the black market.

Estimates show that as many as six out of ten company cars used in big cities have had their radios stolen. Bill Laurie, general secretary of the Car Radio Industry Specialist Association, said: "Whatever technology the manufacturers have come up with, there are people out there who beat it."

Current models of car stereo systems consist of a box containing the electronics for the system which slides into the dashboard, and is as easy to remove as it is to fit. On new systems, dashboard controls will send signals to the car's on-board computer,

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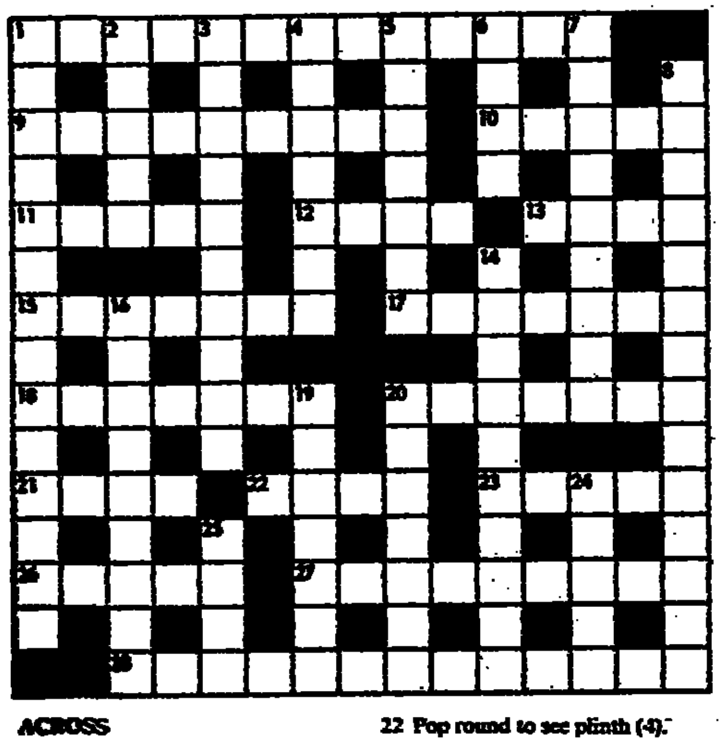


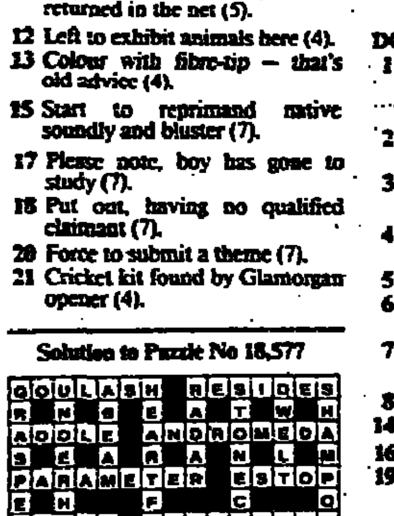
ACROSS

1 Pinnacle gives elevated impression on paper (4-5, 4).
9 Boy breaks stone into lots of tiny ones (9).
10 Corner source of gold to make money out of it (5).
11 Service to be retaken, if first returned in the net (5).
12 Left to exhibit animals here (4).
13 Colour with fibre-tip — that's old advice (4).
15 Start to reprimand native soundly and bluster (7).
17 Please note, boy has gone to study (7).
18 Put out, having no qualified claimant (7).
20 Force to submit a theme (7).
21 Cricket kit found by Glamorgan opener (4).
22 Pop round to see plinth (4).
23 Run-away parson makes the front page (5).
26 It is going to be poetic stuff (5).
27 Accountant's girl — she was incredible (9).
28 Character takes book in park (6, 7).

DOWN

1 Heard of terrible mountains — needed this to tackle them? (4,3,7).
2 Russian writer's journey upset a king (5).
3 He devised a type of bridge as he went to work (10).
4 Advertisement for a two-wheeler (7).
5 Swimming in a circle, a fish (7).
6 Sort of light getting hot in vault (4).
7 King spoiling fine advantage creates precarious situation (5-4).
8 Test keynote for anthem (14).
14 Footballers are rough folk (10).
16 Thought to be in teaching (9).
19 From motorists' auction, picked up vehicle (7).
20 Male children will receive money and gold, I'll warrant (7).
24 In a predicament, taken up alcohol (5).
25 Find regular place in radio programme for "In the Groove" (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,577



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

OLLA
a. A bullfighter's command
b. A female plaintiff
c. An earthenware pot

RIPRAP
a. Nottingham lace
b. A young hooligan
c. A stone foundation

APODOSIS
a. Bridegroom's gift to bride
b. The conclusion of a hypothetical
c. The seed husk of a legume

PECTIN
a. A lyre-plucking quill
b. A breastplate
c. A jelly-making substance

Answers on page 18

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WEATHER

Much of England and Wales will be cloudy with rain, heavy in some western areas. Central and eastern areas may well have brighter spells later. South-east England will remain dry and warm. Northern Ireland and most of Scotland will have sunny spells and showers, but southern Scotland will stay cloudy. Outlook: cloudy with a little rain over northern and western areas on Saturday; otherwise dry and bright.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain.

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	s	Majorca	18	64	s
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Malaga	17	63	c
Alex'dria	19	66	f	Malta	18	64	s
Algiers	19	66	f	Mexico C*	27	81	s
Amst'dm	20	68	s	Miami*	29	84	f
Athens	18	64	s	Milan	13	55	c
Bahrain	25	77	c	Montreal*	12	54	s
Barbads*	24	75	r	Moscow	14	57	s
Barcelna	16	61	s	Munich	12	54	s
Belgrade	11	52	f	Nairobi	25	77	f
Berlin	16	61	s	Naples	11	52	c
Bermuda*	23	73	s	N Delhi	29	84	s
Biarritz	19	66	s	N York*	21	70	s
Borde'x	22	72	s	Nice	17	63	s
Brussels	21	70	s	Oslo	8	46	c
Budapst	13	55	c	Paris	22	72	s
Cairo	21	70	c	Peking	11	52	r
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Perth	20	68	f
C'blanca	20	68	s	Prague	13	55	s
Chicago*	9	48	s	Reykjavik	2	36	f
Ch'church	11	52	f	Rhodes	19	66	s
Cologne	18	64	s	Rio de J	26	79	s
C'phagn	13	55	s	Riyadh	26	79	f
Corfu	17	63	f	Rome	8	46	r
Dublin	12	54	r	Salzburg	13	55	s
Dubrovnik	16	61	c	S Frisco*	13	55	s
Faro	21	70	s	S Paulo*	28	82	c
Florence	16	61	s	Seoul	24	75	c
Frankfurt	17	63	s	Sing'por	33	91	f
Funchal	19	66	s	St'kholm	13	55	s
Geneva	17	63	s	Strasb'rg	19	66	s
Gibraltar	18	64	f	Sydney	23	73	s
Helsinki	11	52	s	Tangier	19	66	s
Hong K	27	81	c	Tel Aviv	18	64	c
Innsbrck	15	59	s	Tenerife	21	70	s
Istanbul	10	50	c	Tokyo	20	68	c
Jeddah	30	86	s	Toronto*	5	41	c
Jo'burg*	21	70	s	Tunis	20	68	s
Karachi	30	86	f	Valencia	19	66	s
L Palmas	19	66	s	Vanc'ver*	7	45	s
Le Tquet	22	72	f	Venice	15	59	s
Lisbon	21	70	s	Vienna	11	52	c
Locarno	16	61	c	Warsaw	17	63	c
L Angels*	23	73	s	Wash'ton*	22	72	s
Luxembg	17	63	s	Wel'nton	12	54	r
Luxor	28	82	s	Zurich	15	59	s
Madrid	20	68	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.20
Austria Sch	22.00	20.60
Belgium Fr	64.20	60.20
Canada $	2.15	2.01
Denmark Kr	11.95	11.25
Finland Mkk	7.40	6.95
France Fr	10.49	9.84
Germany Dm	3.11	2.91
Greece Dr	336	316
Hong Kong $	14.45	13.45
Ireland Pt	1.188	1.098
Italy Lira	2316	2176
Japan Yen	258	241
Netherlands Gld	3.495	3.285
Norway Kr	12.11	11.41
Portugal Esc	269	253
South Africa Rd	5.35	4.85
Spain Pts	191.50	178.50
Sweden Kr	11.26	10.58
Switzerland Fr	2.64	2.47
Turkey Lira	7200	6400
USA $	1.895	1.74
Yugoslavia Dnr	38.00	26.00

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (59F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.49 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.2	-	12	54	rain
Anglesey	1.1	.01	13	55	rain
Aviemore	-	.01	11	52	shower
Birmingham	0.2	-	16	61	bright
Blackpool	-	-	15	59	bright
Bognor Regis	7.5	-	12	54	sunny
Bournemouth	7.1	-	13	55	sunny
Brighton	8.5	-	15	59	sunny
Bristol	3.7	-	17	63	sunny
Buxton	0.2	-	14	57	dull
Cardiff	0.6	-	14	57	cloudy
Clacton	6.8	-	15	59	bright
Colwyn Bay	-	-	16	61	cloudy
Cromer	1.7	-	18	64	cloudy
Douglas	-	.27	10	50	shower
Edinburgh	0.9	.09	13	55	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	.91	10	50	rain
Exmouth	7.1	-	12	54	cloudy
Folkestone	6.9	-	17	63	sunny
Glasgow	-	.64	11	52	rain
Hastings	8.2	-	15	59	sunny
Hunstanton	4.5	-	18	64	sunny
Jersey	7.2	-	18	64	bright
Kinloss	1.3	-	15	59	cloudy
Leeds	-	-	16	61	cloudy
Lerwick	-	.11	8	46	rain
London	7.2	-	18	64	bright
Lowestoft	3.0	-	13	55	fog
Manchester	0.1	-	15	59	cloudy
Minehead	0.8	-	15	59	bright
Morecambe	-	-	15	59	dull
Newcastle	-	-	15	59	cloudy
Nottingham	1.5	-	16	61	bright
Scarborough	2.4	-	16	61	bright
Southsea	7.8	-	13	55	sunny
Stornoway	-	.34	7	45	rain
Teignmouth	2.5	-	12	54	cloudy
Tenby	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Torquay	2.3	-	13	55	bright
Wick	2.5	.04	14	57	rain

These are Wednesday's figures

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.4 hr.

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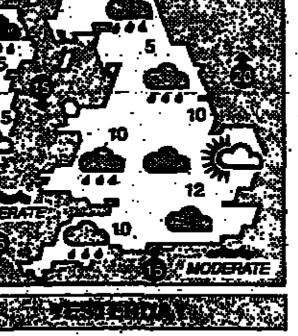

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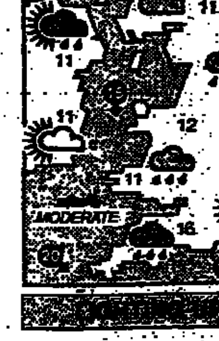

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	r	Guernsey	11	52	c
B'rmgham	14	57	c	Inverness	14	57	f
Blackpool	13	55	c	Jersey	13	55	s
Bristol	13	55	c	London	19	66	s
Cardiff	15	59	f	M'nchster	13	55	c
Edinburgh	13	55	c	Newcastle	15	61	f
Glasgow	10	50	c	R'nldsway	9	48	r

Sun rises: 6.13 am
Sun sets: 7.51 pm
Moon rises: 4.58 am
Moon sets: 5.21 pm
New moon April 14

London 7.51 pm to 6.11 am
Bristol 8.01 pm to 6.20 am
Edinburgh 8.12 pm to 6.14 am
Manchester 8.03 pm to 6.15 am
Penzance 8.11 pm to 6.25 am

Wednesday: day temp: Heathr
(66F); lowest day max: Cape W
7C (45F); highest rainfall:
Dumfries and Galloway, 0
sunshine: Herne Bay, Kent, 9.4

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.40	6.0	1.14	6.4
Aberdeen	12.33	3.6	12.30	3.8
Avonmouth	6.15	11.8	6.40	12.0
Belfast	10.04	3.0	10.35	3.0
Cardiff	6.00	11.0	6.25	11.1
Devonport	4.59	5.0	5.32	5.0
Dover	10.17	5.9	10.34	6.1
Falmouth	4.29	4.8	5.02	4.8
Glasgow			12.16	4.2
Harwich	11.10	3.5	11.20	3.6
Holyhead	9.32	5.1	9.58	5.0
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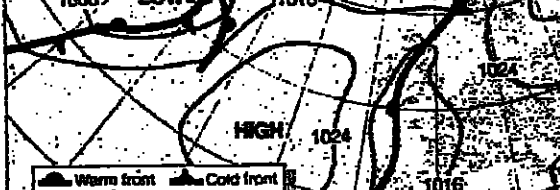

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Profits suffer as industry pays price of the peace dividend

Defence cuts force Dowty to shed jobs

By Neil Bennett and Philip Bassett

DOWTY, the aerospace and electronics group, plans to cut its workforce by 2,500 because of a slump in military sales. The company has also warned shareholders that pre-tax profits for the year to end-March have fallen by up to a third.

The Dowty cuts are part of a widespread restructuring in the defence industries since the liberalisation of eastern Europe. Prospects that the Gulf war would lead to a resurgence in defence spending as governments rebuilt their damaged military strengths have evaporated.

Defence companies have been reacting to the downturn in business indicated by the government's options for change defence review. The review is expected to lead to a White Paper in June that will recommend substantial cuts in all three military services, but especially the army.

As a result, some manufacturers estimate that between 15 and 20 per cent of their defence business could be lost.

Dowty has announced 1,200 job losses in its aerospace and electronic systems division, and says it will shed another 1,300 throughout the group by the end of the year. The redundancies, 17 per cent of the workforce, will cost £4 million, and the group faces a further extraordinary charge of £15 million for restructuring.

Reg Moore, the finance director, said the jobs would be cut throughout the group to reduce costs in response to "flattish" sales, felt particularly in the second half.

Mr Moore declined to specify where the jobs would be lost, since this has yet to be agreed. Since January, Dowty has shed 300 jobs from its fuel systems plant in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and another 425 from its main aerospace factories at Swindon, Wiltshire, and Gloucester.

The brunt of the cutbacks will be borne by Dowty's military equipment manufacturing, which has suffered a gradual fall in sales. Mr Moore said: "We have been trying to downsize our military business for some time. The orders are not going to come back."

In a statement to the Stock Exchange, Dowty said that operating profits would be 15 to 20 per cent lower for the year to end-March compared to a year ago, while the group's interest bill had risen by £4 million to £13 million. With the redundancy costs, this will cut pre-tax profits to about £60 million, down from £85.4 million last year.

The figure is £10 million less than City analysts had forecast, and Dowty's shares fell 9p to 173p.

All Dowty divisions have been affected by the recession. The aerospace business had not received any significant new orders after the Gulf war. The downturn has also spread to orders from civil aircraft makers.

Mr Moore said demand for parts for smaller planes, including the BAe146 and the Fokker 50 had fallen by a quarter, although demand from larger aircraft remained firm.

The electronic systems division has suffered a fall in orders for its aircraft fuel systems, although Mr Moore said orders from the Royal Navy's new Type-23 Frigate remained strong. The slump in the car industry, which accounts for up to a third of the sales at Dowty's polymers division, and a fall in demand at the group's information technology division have also begun to bite.

The group warned investors that its borrowings had risen sharply, from £45 million in April last year to about £120 million today, and that the debts would not fall in the current year. This is due to Dowty's heavy spending on a new aerospace factory at Montreal, Canada, which will supply landing gear to the Airbus 330 and 340.

In one week last month, more than 20,000 jobs were lost in Britain's defence industry.

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Defensive cuts: Tony Thatcher (left), chief executive, and Lord Harrowby, chairman

Chemical firms curb investment spending

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

CAPITAL spending in Britain's chemical industry is expected to fall in real terms by 4.5 per cent this year, with a further decline forecast next year, according to survey figures prepared by the industry.

The survey issued a warning that the trend of falling investment will worsen unless the overall economy revives.

The estimates on capital expenditure suggest that there is little optimism about any lifting of the recession in the chemical industry. They run counter to more hopeful suggestions from the Confederation of British Industry and others that the recession may be bottoming out. Indeed, last night in Sheffield, Sir Brian Corby, the CBI president, said that the current industrial picture was better than was often believed to be the case.

Details of the chemical industry's pessimistic forecasts on investment were given at a conference in London that was organised by the Chemical Industries Association.

Building on association forecasts that output in the industry is expected to fall 3 per cent this year, with all chemical sectors showing either nil growth or a considerable fall, the latest capital spending survey covers companies accounting for about 80 per cent of total UK capital spending in the industry this year.

Last year, capital spending was £1.86 billion, a fall in real terms of 8 per cent on 1989. While spending will rise this year, according to the chemical association, to £1.9 billion, this represents a fall of 4.5 per cent after inflation. Spending is forecast to fall further in coming years, to £1.88 billion next year and £1.79 billion in 1993. This is almost a third lower in real terms than suggested in last year's survey.

The latest survey says that "many companies did not anticipate the extent of the downturn both in the UK and worldwide". Spending is forecast to fall in all regions.

"If the economic outlook and performance do not improve or show signs of improving in the second half, this year's investment programme as announced above may still prove to be too optimistic," the survey says.

As disclosed in *The Times*, capital spending in the industry on environmental protection has more than doubled in recent years, and a separate survey to be published soon by the chemical association will show this trend to be continuing.

The survey will show that the environment accounted for 11 per cent of the industry's total capital spending in 1989 of £1.87 billion, and this is expected to rise to an annual average in 1990-2 of 23.4 per cent — more than double current totals.

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Ford payout cut by 47%

From Philip Robinson in New York

FORD Motor Company has become the last of America's big three car makers to cut its quarterly dividend in what Harold Poling, the chairman, described as one of the toughest years for the industry.

America's second largest car producer last suspended dividend payments for 18 months during the previous recession in 1982. This year, shareholders will take a 47 per cent cut in the quarterly payout to 40 cents per share, saving Ford $190 million every three months and almost $760 million in a full year.

Mr Poling said: "Ford's policy is to sustain the dividend during normal cyclical downturns, but the situation we face today is much more than a normal trough in the business cycle in automotive earnings."

He said the dividend cut was consistent with other action to reduce costs, conserve cash and raise capital. Ford started a $3 billion cost-cutting programme last month and now plans compulsory job cuts after a wave of voluntary redundancies.

Wall Street analysts expect Ford, General Motors and Chrysler will report combined losses of about $3 billion for the first three months of this year. Ford's losses are expected to be between $540 million and $775 million.

The car companies have already reported that their April to June car production would be the lowest for 33 years.

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Woodrow plans to fight fires

By Our Industrial Correspondent

TAYLOR Woodrow, the British construction and engineering group, has presented plans to the Kuwait government to tackle fires at an oilfield in northern Kuwait.

Only five American teams, each led by two experienced fire fighters, are tackling the fires, although the Kuwaitis now believe 800 wells are ablaze. Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, returned to Britain yesterday after a four-day visit to Kuwait accompanied by 16 British business leaders. He said the problem of well fires was far more grave than generally realised.

Repairs to Kuwait's oil facilities would offer big opportunities to British business, he said. Walter Hogbin, chairman of Taylor Woodrow, who returned with Mr Lilley, blamed delays in tackling the blazing wells upon staff shortages within Kuwaiti ministries and delays in repairing infrastructure. Supplies of running water were only restored to the whole of Kuwait yesterday.

Mr Lilley said British companies had won £50 million of contracts in Kuwait, 22 per cent of those allocated, and $20 million out of $100 million of oil and gas contracts.

Mr Lilley confirmed that cover from the Export Credits Guarantee Department was available to British companies trading with Kuwait.

Lord Limerick, chairman of the City-Kuwait Group, set up as a conduit for contacts during the Kuwait reconstruction, said the Kuwaitis were interested in proposals for a team from the City to assess and process claims for reparations from the Iraqis. However, no immediate decisions were expected.

Kuwaiti ministers told their British visitors that they intend to pay for work by issuing a series of fund-raising instruments, each worth between $5 billion and $7 billion, in countries where they have investment assets, rather than by seeking a single "jumbo" loan package. Lord Limerick said the funds would probably be secured "by means of a repurchase agreement on investments".

Lilley: British contracts

European Bank sees long job in east bloc

By Our Economics Staff

PUTTING eastern Europe firmly on the road to democratic market economies will take more than 20 years, Jacques Attali, the head of the new European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, said in London yesterday as heads of state and government from more than 30 countries began to arrive for the bank's launch on Monday.

The European Bank will fund specific projects, principally in the private sector, and provide advice and technical assistance in establishing capitalist business and financial systems.

The bank aims to promote the development of transport and communications networks and will favour projects that are environmentally friendly. M Attali said the bank was hoping to support the cleaning up of the Baltic Sea and River Danube. The bank has a £7 billion fund designed to promote market economies and democracy.

The European Bank opens with a staff of 80. M Attali wants to keep the staff to a small elite rather than "an army of clerks", but hopes to increase the number to 250 by the end of the year.

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America woos Old World dollar

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

COLUMBUS set eyes on the New World 499 years ago. To redress the balance, the American travel industry has just discovered Europe.

A group of American airlines, hoteliers, car rental companies and other operators will mount a $10 million "Go America!" campaign this spring, to lure Britons across the Atlantic. Their goal — shared by British Airways and Virgin Atlantic Airways on this side of the pond — is to redress the 40 to 50 per cent slump in transatlantic travel precipitated by the Gulf war and recession.

Foreign tourists have become important to the American economy. In a normal year, foreign holidaymakers spend $50 billion in America, accounting for a seventh of the travel and tourism industry's revenues.

The 6.5 million overseas visitors who travel to America every year also enable the country to achieve a $3 billion surplus on tourism, when many of its manufacturers seem to have abandoned the urge to sell abroad. Europeans make up a third of the visitors.

Foreign tourism in the United States really took off in 1985 when European tour operators took advantage of the dollar's weakness to give American packages the hard sell. Since then, tourism by foreigners in America has grown at 10 per cent a year, three times the growth level achieved by domestic marketing. What is more, foreigners have proved far more extravagant than Americans. When fear of terrorism started to scare people off planes last August, the American travel industry abruptly realised how important to its revenues overseas visitors had become.

Rockwell Schnabel, the American deputy secretary of commerce, visiting Europe this week in an effort to restore the transatlantic traffic, admitted that many companies may have seized upon the Gulf war as an excuse to make travel economies under pressure from domestic recession. He is equally convinced that the dollar's renewed weakness and heightened competition on transatlantic air routes will give an additional lift to America's cost competitiveness as a travel destination.

Mr Schnabel points also to cost comparisons that show that on average Europeans can buy 30 per cent more in America for their cash than they can at home.

Promotional spending by the American travel industry is being matched by government action to reduce the bureaucracy of American immigration authorities, who used to direct foreigners arriving at American airports into lengthy queues under the heading "Aliens." Hardly, Mr Schnabel concedes, a friendly welcome.

Simultaneously, the American government has signalled its willingness to allow foreign airlines access to more American destinations, provided that is matched by concessions for American-based carriers overseas.

While there is a hard core of adventurous Americans who seem determined to explore overseas, many Americans remain among the most timid travellers on the face of the globe. Luring them to Britain may cost travel promoters rather more than $10 million.

Pound up as hopes rise for cut in rates

By Colin Narbrough
Economics Correspondent

STERLING moved closer towards DM3 last night, peaking at about DM2.9950 about half an hour after the London close, the Bank of England confirmed, on the eve of an expected further slowdown of inflation.

The official retail price index, to be reported this morning, could coincide with a fresh half-point cut in base rates to 12 per cent and a reduction in mortgage rates in time for the local elections.

Forecasts centre on the retail price index showing a rise of 8.4 per cent in the 12 months to March, down from 8.9 per cent in February. The big building societies have said they are waiting for Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to sanction another cut in base rates before they lower lending rates. This would probably be by three quarters of a point to 13 per cent.

With the strengthening pound next to top in the European exchange-rate system, Mr Lamont has plenty of scope for lowering interest rates, especially with the key three-month interbank lending rate at 12 per cent last night, but the authorities have taken a cautious approach over easing in recent months.

The fall in inflation in March will be the fifth monthly decline in a row. A dramatic fall is due in April because the introduction of the poll tax will disappear from calculations.

Some economists believe the government might wait until next week before cutting base rates, in case the Bundesbank council meeting on Thursday yields a nasty surprise. Underlying inflation data have also been disappointing in recent months.

Hopes of lower American rates were raised after official economic data yesterday suggested continued weakness.

Wholesale inflation eased for the fourth month running in March as prices moderated across a broad range of goods, energy costs dropping sharply. The producer price index fell 0.3 per cent after falling 0.6 per cent in February. The core rate, excluding energy and food, showed prices falling 0.2 per cent.

American retail sales dropped 0.8 per cent in March after a steeply revised rise of 2 per cent in February, indicating much weaker consumer demand than anticipated.

The Bundesbank refused to comment on rumours that Karl Otto Pöhl, its president, was about to step down. The rumours unsettled the foreign exchange market, but the effect was largely offset by Dieter Hiss, a Bundesbank director, who said the German central bank will not join the global trend towards lower rates.

☐ Japan's trade surplus jumped to $8.7 billion in March, the highest monthly level for more than two years, up 24 per cent on March last year.

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The Group remains well placed to take advantage of any upturn

	YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1990 £'000	YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1989 £'000
TURNOVER	**261,556**	262,926
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	**3,570**	15,022
EARNINGS PER SHARE	**2.5p**	15.7p
DIVIDENDS PER SHARE	**4.5p**	7.5p

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Gatt backs America in row over EC air subsidies

From A Correspondent

THE General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade has ruled in favour of America in the dispute over German government indemnities against foreign exchange losses to suppliers of Airbus components.

America wanted the terms of reference for the disputes panel to use the code on subsidies contained in the Gatt rather than the more liberal civil aircraft code, which the European Commission had wanted to use to settle the dispute. The Americans say the German programme amounted to $2.5 million support on each Airbus delivered last year. America plans to attack other Airbus subsidies, having so far limited its objections to the Germans.

Yesterday, the commission declined to comment formally on the dispute, one of the main obstacles to Gatt establishing a blueprint for world trade at the Uruguay round of talks, which were extended after last December's deadline expired. However, the commission expressed concern and reserved a decision on any action.

A Gatt statement said: "The European Community-...said it was deeply concerned with the decision and continued to believe that the agreement on trade in civil aircraft was also relevant to *the dispute.*"

Airbus Industrie consortium members are Deutsche Airbus, part of Daimler-Benz's Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm, British Aerospace, Société Nationale Industrielle Aerospatiale of France and Casa of Spain.

In the dispute, technically between America and the EC, Washington officials allege that protection for Deutsche Airbus and possibly other German suppliers against exchange-rate fluctuations violates the Gatt code on subsidies. The code bans subsidies that displace the sale of products of other signatories to Gatt whether at home or abroad. Washington argues that the Airbus support cuts *into the market for Boeing and* McDonnell Douglas Corp.

However, the civil aircraft code takes into account "special factors which apply in the aircraft sector, in particular the widespread governmental support in this area" and the desire of other producers to participate in the market's growth.

The commission had requested, but failed to obtain, a civil aircraft committee meeting immediately after the subsidies *committee meeting* in order to press its point on the issue. One trade source said the aircraft committee might meet next week.

Angelina Yang, who chairs the subsidies committee, has still to decide on who will serve on the dispute panel.

Hewden cautions on profit

By Our City Staff

SIR Matthew Goodwin, chairman of Hewden Stuart in Glasgow, Britain's biggest independent plant hire group, says the depth of the recession is unprecedented in his experience.

"*I don't think I* have ever seen a situation when there have been quite so numerous a number of company failures."

Sir Matthew was speaking after the company revealed pre-tax profits of £25.1 million for the year to end-January, 30 per cent down on 1989. However, the final dividend was increased to 2.175p (2p), making a total of 3p (2.75p).

Sir Matthew said bad debts were a growing problem. *Hewden normally has* a bad debt level of about 0.25 per cent of sales, but in 1989 this rose to 0.6 per cent and last year to 1 per cent.

Sir Matthew said that the last quarter of the year had been particularly severe, with banks stepping up pressure on contractors' overdrafts. This downturn extended into the first half of this year, although there has been a modest, perhaps seasonal, uplift in the last few weeks, he said.

"I *expect profits* to be markedly down in the first half," said Sir Matthew. In the first half of last year, Hewden made pre-tax profits of £15.7 million. Analysts now believe the company will be doing well to match that figure over the whole of this year.

Robertson agrees £53m takeover

Bid recommended: Roy Bichan, chairman of Robertson Group, who sees the takeover as an expansionary move

SIMON Engineering has launched a £53 million takeover bid for Robertson Group, the Llandudno natural resources consultancy, in a move that will expand two of its four core activities, the geotechnical and environmental services businesses.

The offer, which is being recommended by the Robertson directors, led by Roy Bichan, values each Robertson share at 103p each, a 53 per cent premium over the closing price on April 2, the day before Robertson said it was engaged in takeover talks.

Simon will offer five of its own shares for every 18 Robertson shares, and promises "a full cash alternative."

The terms value Robertson at about 6.6 times its earnings per share for the year ended March 31, 1990, but last month Mr Bichan gave a warning that the group's results for the second half of this year had been "severely impacted by the Gulf War and the deepening of the UK recession." Robertson has a number of contracts with countries supportive of Iraq's position, which have either been delayed or suspended.

However, both Simon and Robertson stressed Robertson's *underlying* business remain sound and the long term potential of the group is unchanged.

Roy Roberts, the Simon chairman, said: "The established strengths of both companies complement each other." He added Simon had identified geotechnical services and environmental engineering as key areas for expansion. Simon believes the Gulf War and subsequent events in the Middle East will further stimulate demand for geotechnical services.

Doubts cast over Rover

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

ROVER'S future may be limited to selling products from Honda, its Japanese collaboration partner, claims a worrying report on the British motor industry.

The 1991 Euromotor Financial Yearbook says *that* years of state ownership have still to be shaken off at Rover, which has "yet to show a determination to deliver profits".

There were also doubts that Ford would continue to support Jaguar, after its purchase of the luxury car maker for *£1.6 billion in 1989*, as the company struggles with falling sales.

Euromotor's analysts say that Ford paid "far, far too much" for Jaguar, casting doubts over the firm's future *as a leading manufacturer of* luxury limousines.

Ford in Britain was facing a hard time with sales falling rapidly over the past year and its ownership of Jaguar proving a sobering experience.

Karl Ludvigsen, Euromotor Report's managing director, said there was a strong possibility that by the end of the decade "Rover's interest in the car industry may be limited to the maintenance of its name on Honda-manufactured products and the holding of a *minority* stake *in Honda's* European operations".

Mr Ludvigsen said: "The UK as a place for car manufacturing will come under increasing competition in the 1990s, particularly from Spain, which will be an important rival."

Pittard drops final payout after loss

By Our City Staff

THE worldwide slump in sheepskin prices last year left Pittard Garnar, the leather manufacturer, with losses of £7.04 million for 1990 and the board has axed the final dividend (against a payment of 4.15p last time).

The interim dividend was cut from 1.95p to 0.25p a share.

Pittard Garnar made an operating loss of £719,000, against a profit of £4.04 million in 1989, but has written off £5.03 million as exceptional items, the bulk of it against sheepskin stock losses. A further loss of £1.84 million, relating largely to rationalisation costs, is taken below the line as extraordinary items.

John Pittard, the managing director, promises to restore dividends to former levels as soon as prudent.

In its plight, Pittard Garnar cannot resist a dig at its former protagonist, Strong & Fisher, a rival quoted leather group, which "has recorded losses far in excess of ours and has only been kept alive through a rescue operation involving a large injection of capital".

Pittard Garnar's borrowings have been reduced to £21.7 million (from £30.4 million a year ago) and a *property* revaluation has increased reserves by £3.9 million.

As a result, gearing is down to 67 per cent. The group claims to have sufficient bank facilities in place to serve its needs for the current year.

AB passes payout after loss

By Our City Staff

AB Electronic Products Group has turned in a £2.02 million pre-tax loss in the six months to end-December, compared with a previous £5.35 million pre-tax profit. AB has passed its interim dividend.

The previous year's interim dividend from AB, which makes components for a range of industries including aerospace, telecommunications and cars, was 4p, paid out of net interim earnings of 11.7p a share. AB says it will review the question of a final payment when preliminary year-end results are announced in September. AB's final dividend in 1989 was 13.5p a share.

Sir Peter *Phillips, the chairman*, had warned shareholders at the November annual meeting that losses in the first half of 1991 were possible.

Two factories have been closed, and employees reduced by one quarter. AB, which has borrowings of £39 million, said its principal banker is "presently supportive".

The company said that it is renegotiating the terms of its existing agreement with its *banker to cover at least to the* end of 1992.

Demand has continued to weaken in the first three months of the second half, AB said.

The shares lost 6p to 131p yesterday.

Fitch has designs on gearing

By Matthew Bond

FITCH RS, the design consultancy, has put its one-year-old headquarters building on the market, in an effort to reduce the company's gearing, which at present is more than 200 per cent.

The canal side building, near *London's King's Cross* station, was developed at a total cost of £13.6 million, but the current market value is considerably less, forcing the company to make a £6.6 million extraordinary provision in its latest figures.

Pre-tax profits in the year to end-December dropped from £3.7 million to £51,000, after exceptional redundancy costs of £656,000. With total losses of £7.3 million, the company is passing the final dividend *(6p) to make a total of 1.5p* (9.5p). The preference dividend is also being passed.

Rodney Fitch, the chairman, regrets the need to sell the building, which could prompt a move back to the Soho offices that were vacated last year but are still largely unlet. "We're over-geared. In order to become ungeared, the choices are very few. If it is sold, I hope it goes to a good home."

During last year and since the year end, a number of Fitch directors have left, including Ian Cochrane, chief executive. He is replaced by Martin Beck, president of the group's American business, Fitch Richardson-Smith.

Shares 'forced on division'

THE former chairman of County NatWest Securities insisted that 31 million shares in the rump of Blue Arrow's £837 million rights issue were forced upon his division by superiors and denied he was trying to distance himself from an allegedly criminal act.

Philip Rimell told Jeremy Roberts, QC, for Jonathan Cohen, the former chief executive of County NatWest that once his division had the shares it was left with no choice but to try and trade the stake profitably.

COMPANY BRIEFS

LAWRENCE (WALTER) Pre-tax: £3.57m (£15m) EPS: 2.5p (15.7p) Div: 2.5p, mkg 4.5p	Final results. Last time's total dividend: 7.5p. Further provision of £5m (£3.5m) against carrying value of residential land.
SWALLOWFIELD (Fin) Pre-tax: £2.37m (£2.14m) EPS: 16p (14.4p) Div: 3.9p, mkg 6.1p	Last time's total dividend: 5.6p. Turnover grew to £22.4m (£16.2m). The company is applying to the Stock Exchange for a full listing.
BARRY WEHMILLER (Fin) Pre-tax: £4.31m (£5.02m) EPS: 8.7p (11.8p) Div: 2.4p (2.2p)	Turnover grew to £39.1m (£30.8m). The board reports that the rate of order intake has not yet picked up significantly.
HAMPDEN HOMECARE Pre-tax: £506,000 EPS: 2.0p (7.45p) Div: 0.2p (2.1p)	Final results. Last time's profit was £1.48m. Extraordinary debit of £1.8m (nil). The board expects a recovery in the DIY sector.
McLAUGHLIN & HARVEY Pre-tax: £110,000 (£2.2m) EPS: 2.2p (27p) Div: 6.75p, mkg 10p	Final results. Total dividend last time was 10p. Turnover was £110m (£107m). Housing market is showing signs of emerging from recession.
BILLAM (J) (Fin) Pre-tax: £117,000 EPS: 4.2p (0.4p) Div: 2.4p, mkg 4.04p	Last time's profit was £11,000 and total dividend, 4.04p. Exceptional debits this year of £176,000 and £259,000.

Dowding dips in first half but raises payout

By Colin Campbell

DOWDING & Mills, the Birmingham electrical and mechanical repair specialist, reported a dip in first-half profits and issued a warning that the second half would *show a further fall.*

The impact of the recession was especially evident in the second quarter and pre-tax profits for the six months ended December eased from £5.59 million to £5.11 million *on sales of £41 million (£35.9* million). The group said that the recession in Britain shows no early signs of ending.

If there was a profits fall this year, it would end a rising trend that has been evident since 1982. Pre-tax profits last year reached £11.7 million. However, the group is raising its interim dividend from 0.8p to 0.88p as evidence of its confidence in the medium to longer term and says that capital expenditure will remain high so that it will be ready when brighter conditions return.

Capital expenditure totalled *£4.3 million in the first half* with a further £3 million planned in the second. The estimated total of £7.3 million for this year would be a record. The shares fell 3p to 63p.

WALL STREET

New York

SHARES generally extended their opening gains in mid-morning with blue chips advancing by about 1.4 per cent before easing. The Dow Jones industrial average was 37 points higher at 2,911.5 after rising by as much as 40 points. Hopes of a cut in interest rates, perhaps as early as today when consumer price figures are released, combined with some futures-related buying to bolster shares. *(Reuter)*

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	Apr 11 midday	Apr 10 close
Abbott Lab	49%	48%
Aetna Life	46%	46%
Ahmanson	16%	16%
Air Prods	66	65%
Albertsons	47%	46%
Alcan Al	20%	20%
Alco Stand	31%	31%
Allied Signal	28%	28
Alumin CA	63%	63%
Am Brands	42%	42%
Am Cyanmd	58%	55%
Am EPC	29%	29%
Am General	41	41
Am Home	58%	57%
Am Intl	99%	99
Am Medical	7	7
Am Stores	88%	87%
Amax	24%	25%
Amer Hess	47	46%
Ameritech	64%	64%
Amex	27%	27%
Amoco	52%	52
AMP	52	50%
AMR	69%	n/a
Anheuser-B	51%	50%
Apple Comp	66%	65%
Archer-Dan	22%	22%
Arkla	18%	18%
Armstrong	29%	28%
Asarco	27%	27%
Ashland Oil	32	31%
AT&T	34%	34%
Atlan Richfld	127%	124%
Auto DP	66%	66
Avery Intl	24%	23%
Avon Prod	43%	42%
Baltimore	28%	28%
Banc One	36%	35%
Bankamerica	37%	36%
Bard	29	23%
Barnett Bk	23	22%
Bausch Lmb	81	81
Baxter Intl	35%	34%
Bec Dickin	76%	76%
Bell Atlan	50	49%
Bellsouth	51%	51%
Bkr Hughes	26%	26%
Black Decker	13	12%
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Boeing	48	47%
Boise Casc	26%	26%
Borden	37%	36%
Brist-Myer	77%	76%
Browng-Fer	27	26%
Burl Ntb	27%	27%
CAI	9	8%
Campbell Sp	84%	85
Cap Cities	468%	462
Capital HC	51%	50%
Carolina	47%	47%
Caterpillar	47%	46%
CBS	160	163%
Central SW	45%	45%
Champion	26	25%
Chase Man	17%	16%
Chem Bnkg	18%	18%
Chevron	75%	74%
Chrysler	13%	13%
Chubb	72%	72%
Cigna	53%	52%
Citicorp	15%	15%
Clbrne Liz	47%	47%
Clorox	39	38%
Cmwlth Edis	38%	38%
CNA Fincl	86%	84
Coastal	31%	31%
Coca-Cola	53%	52%
Colgate-Pal	80	79%
Columb Gas	44%	44%
Compaq	65%	65%
Conagra	44%	43%
Cons Edis	25%	25%
Cons NG	41%	41
Cons Rail	46%	46%
Cooper Ind	50%	49%
Corning	58%	58%
CPC Intl	84%	83%
Crown Cork	72	71%
CSX	38%	38%
Dana	26%	26%
Dayton-Hud	74%	73%
Deere	47%	47%
Delta Air	69%	66%
Deluxe	39%	39%
Detroit Ed	29%	29%
Digital Eq	65	64%
Dillard	111%	111
Disney	116	116
Dominion	48%	48
Donnelley	48%	48%
Dover	41	40%
Dow Chem	47%	47
Dow Jones	24%	24%
Dresser Ind	24%	23%
Du Pont	38%	38
Duke Pwr	28%	28%
Dun Bradst	47%	46%
East Kodak	41%	41%
Eaton	56%	55%
Emerson E	46%	45%
Enron	56	55%
Entergy	24%	23%
Ethyl	31%	30%
Exxon	58%	57%
Fed NMA	47%	46%
Fedrl Expre	33%	34%
Fst Norster	17	16
Fluor	48%	48%
FMC	36	35%
Ford Motor	31%	31%
FPL	30%	29%
Fst Chicago	22%	22%
Fst Intrsta	32	31%
Fst Union	21%	20%
Gannett	40%	39%
Gen Cinema	23%	23%
Gen Elec	73%	72%
Gen Mills	57%	56%
Gen Motors	37%	36%
Gen RE	100	99%
Gen Signal	44%	44
Genentech	28	27%
Genuine Pts	38%	39%
Georgia-Pac	41%	41%
Gillette	77%	76
Goodrich	40%	39%
Goodyear	22%	22%
Grace	31%	31%
Greyhound	31%	31%
Gt Atlantic	53%	53%
Gt Western	17%	17
GTE	32%	32%
Hallbrtn	42%	42%
Heinz	40%	39%
Hercules	33%	33%
Hershey Fd	40%	40%
Hewlett Pkd	51%	50%
Hilton Htl	40%	38%
Home Depot	55%	54%
Homestake	16%	16
Honeywell	58%	57%
Houston Ind	37	36%
Hsehld Intl	45%	44%
Humana	50%	49%
IBM	111%	111%
IF&F	87	80%
Illnois TW	63%	62%
Inco	33%	33%
Ingersl-Rand	47%	46%
Inland Steel	18%	18%
Intel	51%	47%
Intl Paper	62	60%
ITT	58%	59%
James River	25%	25
Johnsn Jhsn	97%	95%
K Mart	43	42%
Kellogg	95	93
Kerr-McGee	43%	42%
Kimbly-Clrk	88%	87%
Knight-Rddr	48%	48%
Lilly	80%	80
Limited	28	28%
Ln Brdcstg	70	68%
Lincln Nat	51%	50%
Litton Ind	89%	89
Lockheed	41%	40%
Louis-Pac	31%	31%
Manu Hano	27%	26%
Marriott	18	17
Marsh Mclen	84%	84%
Martin Mar	54%	53%
Masco	23%	23%
May Dept	54%	52%
Maytag	13%	13%
McDnl Doug	42%	41%
McDonalds	35%	34%
McGraw-Hill	56%	56%
MCI Com	28%	28
Mead	29	29%
Medtronic	117%	115%
Mellon Bk	28%	28%
Melville	53%	51%
Merck	108%	108%
Merl Lynch	37%	36%
MMM	88%	87%
Mobil	65%	64%
Monsanto	58	56%
Moore	25%	25%
Morgan	50%	47%
Motorola	53%	52%
Nat Medical	48%	45%
Nat Semi	7%	7%
Nat Service	28	25%
Navistar	3%	3%
NCNB	35%	34%
NCR	95	96%
NED Bncp	38%	38%
Newmnt Min	38%	36%
Niagr Mhwk	14%	14%
Nike	43%	43%
NL Indstrs	12%	12%
Nordstorm	38%	39%
Norflk Sthn	44%	44%
Norwest	26%	25%
Nthn St Pwr	34%	34
Nthn Telcm	32	31%
NY Times	20%	20%
Nynex	72%	71%
Occid Petrl	19%	19
Ohio Ed	18%	18%
Oracle Sys	11%	10%
Oryx Enrgy	32%	33
Pac Ent	36%	36%
Pac Gas Elec	26%	26%
Pac Telesis	41%	41%
Paccar	39%	38%
Pacificorp	22%	22%
Pall	36	36%
Paramount	40%	39%
Parker-Hanin	24%	24%
Penney	50%	50%
Pennzoil	72%	72%
Pepsico	33	32%
Pfizer	66%	65%
Phlps Pet	27%	27%
Phlips Elec	20%	20
Phlp Morris	69%	68%
Phlps Dodge	63%	63%
Pitney Bow	56	55%
Plcr Dome	14%	14%
PNC Fncl	31%	30%
[illegible]	14	14
Polaroid	24%	24%
PPG Inds	47%	47%
Proct Gmble	86%	85%
Price	52%	52%
Primerica	31%	31
Pub Service	27%	27%
Quaker Oats	59	59
Ralston Pur	57%	58%
Raychem	24%	24%
Raytheon	80%	81%
Reebok	24	23
Roadway	53%	51%
Rockwell	27%	26%
Rohm Haas	38%	38
Royal Dutch	79	77%
Rubbermaid	50%	49%
Rynlds Mtl	55%	56%
Safeco	41%	41%
Salomon	30%	29%
Sant Fe Pac	8%	8%
Sara Lee	38%	39%
Schecorp	38%	38%
Schlumbgr	57%	57%
Schrg-Plgh	48%	48%
Scott Papr	36%	35%
Seagram	94%	94%
Sears Rbk	35%	34%
Secrty Pac	24%	24%
Shrwn-Wlms	24%	23
Skyline	17%	17%
Snap-on Tls	29%	29%
Southern	27%	28
St Paul	70%	69
Stanley Wk	35%	35
Stone Cntr	14%	14%
Sun Co	32	30%
Sunst Bk	28%	28
Super Valu	27	27%
SW Bell	53	52%
Syntex	84%	82%
Sysco	36	36%
Tandem	14%	13%
Tandy	34%	34%
Tele-comm	16%	15%
Teledyne	20%	19%
Temple-In	38%	37%
Tenneco	43%	43
Texaco	66%	65%
Texas Inst	42%	41%
Texas Util	37%	37%
Textron	30%	30%
Time Wrnr	113%	112
Times Mirr	29%	29
Timken	24%	24%
Torchmark	55%	55%
Toys R Us	26%	26%
Transam	34%	33%
Travelers	24	23%
Tribune	43%	42%
TRW	39%	38%
Tyco Lab	48%	48%
UAL	146%	148
Un Camp	42%	42%
Un Carbide	18%	16%
Un Pacific	75%	74
Unilever	88%	87
Unisys	5%	5
Unocal	28%	25%
Upjohn	46%	46%
US West	38%	38%
Usair Gp	18%	18%
USF&G	11%	12%
US Life	38%	38%
UST	45%	45%
USX	33%	32%
Utd Tech	48	47%
Utd Telcm	23%	23%
VF	25%	25%
Wal-Mart	42%	41%
Waste Mgmt	38%	38%
Wells Fargo	73%	72%
Westg Elec	28%	28%
Weyerhsr	24	23%
Whirlpool	28%	28%
Whitman	13	13%
Winn-Dixie	37%	37
Woolworth	31%	31%
Wrigley	61%	60%
Wrner-Lamb	76%	79%
Xerox	67%	66%

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2914 11 (+39 61)*
S&P Composite .... 378 10 (+4.95)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .. 26425.19 (+156.33)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3703.93 (-73.69)
FT-SE Euro 100 .... 1108.33 (+5.46)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 95.7 (+0.3)
Sydney: AO .... 1454.3 (+11 7)
Frankfurt: DAX .... 1565.37 (+3.46)
Brussels:
General .... 5303.31 (+4.12)
Paris: CAC .... 486.80 (-2.80)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 557.6 (+1.1)
London:
FT—A All-Share .... 1224 72 (+4.92)
FT — "500" .... 1349 66 (+4.86)
FT Gold Mines .... 141 2 (-1 9)
FT Fixed interest .... 94 76 (+0.03)
FT. Govt Secs .... 85.47 (+0.08)
Bargains 34287
SEAQ Volume 515.8m
USM (Datastream) ..... 136.71 (+0.76)
*Denotes latest trading price

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Whitecroft warns on second-half result

WHITECROFT, the home improvement, textile and property concern, is to withdraw from property development, and says *that unless trading prospects improve,* the final dividend could be cut. Whitecroft says trading conditions in the past four months have been poor, and that it is likely that second-half profits in the year to end-March "will be significantly below" those in the first half. Shares fell 34p to 166p on the warning and edged up again to 170p.

Pre-tax profits in the first half of the financial year tumbled from £7.34 million to £3.58 million, but the interim dividend was maintained at 4.6p — paid out of reduced net earnings of 6.77p a share. The final dividend for the year to end-March last year was 10.4p for a total of 15p (13.8p).

Dresdner payout held

DRESDNER Bank will propose an unchanged DM12 dividend on last year's results, to be paid after the annual shareholders' meeting on May 24. Dresdner said the parent bank would transfer DM400 million to open reserves from last year's earnings after transferring DM120 million in 1989. The parent bank equity rose DM1 billion last year.

Medeva back in the black

MEDEVA, the medical research and pharmaceuticals group, unveiled pre-tax profits of £4.01 million (£2.62 million loss) in the year to end-December. Turnover, boosted by acquisitions, surged to £52.6 million (£886,000). Shareholders will receive a maiden final dividend of 0.75p (nil). Earnings per share were 3.4p (12p loss). The shares firmed 1p to 121p.

SME buys car dealer

SANDERSON, Murray & Elder, the Yorkshire motor dealer, is paying £4.1 million for a Wolverhampton Vauxhall car dealership and a motor distribution site in Batley, West Yorkshire. The acquisitions are being part-funded by a one-for-two rights issue at 320p, a 10 per cent discount to the market price. The issue will raise a net £3.1 million.

SME is paying Avis Europe £3.1 million for Bramall (Wolverhampton). The motor distribution site, which is to be converted into a Ford dealership, is being sold by Strayside Motor, a firm controlled by Tony Bramall, SME chairman.

Filofax recovers

FILOFAX, the personal organiser maker, returned to profit in the second half of last year with operating profits of £921,000 (£323,000 loss). However, a near-£1 million cash outflow in the first half prevented the company from returning to black for the full year. Pre-tax losses for the year were £1.55 million (£958,698 loss). There is no dividend, against 0.75p last year.

Bodycote up to £10.55m

A STRONG performance from metal technology helped lift pre-tax profits at Bodycote International, which also has interests in packaging and textiles, 8 per cent to £10.55 million. Gearing was "negligible" following the sale in December of the Skelmersdale subsidiary for £11.8 million. Turnover fell 4.3 per cent to £75.46 million. A final 5.5p dividend makes 8.75p (8p).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allid Lyons (*473)	500	16	30	45	8	26	31
	550	2	12	24	46	60	62
	600	1	4	12	96	100	104
ASDA (*133)	120	15	20	22	1	3	5
	130	6	12	15	3	6	9
	140	1½	7	10	9	12	15
Bass (*937)	929	27	58	87	12	37	44
	977	7	37	60	44	62	70
	1026	2	21	38	95	98	105
Boots (*379)	330	50	56	68	1	5	7
	360	21	31	42	2½	15	16
	390	4½	15	26	15	26	29
Br Airways (*158)	140	21	24	26	1	6	7½
	160	5	10	15	6	15	17
	180	1	4	9	22	32	32
BP (*342)	300	44	49	54	1	4	6
	330	15	27	33	2	10	15
	360	2	12	19	21	27	32
Br Steel (*140)	130	12	18	18	1	5½	7½
	140	5	9½	11½	4	10	11
	160	1½	3½	3½	21	24	27
C & W (*541)	460	77	85	102	1	7	10
	500	38	53	75	2	16	23
	550	5	24	44	25	38	44
CU (*530)	460	72	88	91	1	4	8
	500	35	56	65	3	12	17
	550	5	26	35	25	32	40
Courtauld (*409)	360	52	55	66	1	3	8
	390	23	32	45	3½	14	18
	420	5	17	29	16	30	33
GKN (*373)	330	46	59	62	1	5½	12
	360	19	37	42	4	13	22
	390	4	20	28	22	30	37
Grand Met (*823)	750	70	95	113	2	17	23
	800	27	61	83	10	32	42
	850	6	36	59	42	58	65
ICI (*1060)	1000	67	109	124	4	22	37
	1050	30	77	94	17	38	57
	1100	8	50	72	48	65	82
Kingfisher (*499)	420	76	83	91	1½	5	11
	460	39	49	64	3½	14	19
	500	-	28	42		30	36
Ladbroke (*298)	260	29	35	45	2	10	14
	280	10	21	33	8	17	24
	300	3	12	22	22	30	33
Land Sec (*538)	500	41	52	58	2	8	12
	550	8	18	33	18	34	35
	600	1½	6½	14	66	73	72
M & S (*261)	220	41	45	50	1	2½	4
	240	21	28	36	1	6½	8½
	260	6½	15	24	6½	14½	18
Sainsbury (*388)	330	61	65	75	1	2½	4
	360	31	41	53	2	8	10
	390	7½	21	34	9	20	23
Shell (*490)	420	75	90	97	1	3½	5
	460	36	56	63	3	8	14
	500	6	28	38	15	23	38
Smid Beech (*807)	700	103	115	137	1½	6	14
	750	53	78	98	4	17	27
	800	16	48	68	18	40	50
Storehse (*117)	110	9	12	17	3	7	9
	120	3	8½	11	8	12	14
	130	1½	5½	-	17	19	-
Trafalgar (*250)	240	21	28	39	3½	14	19
	260	7	20	29	10	25	30
	280	1½	12	22	27	38	43
Ultramar (*334)	300	40	52	58	2	5	9
	330	13	30	38	5	14	20
	360	2½	14	22	27	32	37
Unilever (*765)	650	120	138	160	1½	4	6
	700	73	97	118	3	8	13
	750	27	60	85	8	20	27
	800	3½	33	53	40	47	52
Utd Biscuits (*380)	330	53	64	73	1	2½	5
	360	24	40	50	2	7	12
	390	4½	22	30	12	20	23
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA (*425)	390	46	55	65	3	10	14
	420	21	35	47	11	22	25
	460	5	18	28	40	43	45
BAT Ind (*709)	600	127	132	135	2	6	12
	650	77	90	100	5	15	25
	700	42	60	70	17	34	44
	750	17	35	47	45	60	67
BTR (*412)	360	59	72	75	1½	5	8½
	390	33	49	55	5	11	17
	420	15	31	37	19	24	29
Br Aero (*641)	550	105	125	130	3	9	13
	600	62	85	97	10	20	27
	650	30	53	67	32	40	50
Br Telecm (*367)	330	44	51	56	1½	5½	8½
	360	20	29	38	7½	16	18
	390	5½	14	22	26	32	35
Cadbury (*389)	360	39	53	61	3½	9	12
	390	18	33	43	13	19	22
	420	6	18	27	34	36	39
Guinness (*919)	850	80	112	129	7½	17	23
	900	46	77	95	21	34	40
	950	20	51	70	48	56	62
GEC (*209)	200	16	19	25	4	10	11½
	220	5	9	15	14	21	23
	240	1½	-	-	33	-	-
Hanson (*225)	220	11½	18	25½	5	10	12
	240	4	9	15	18	22	23
	260	1½	4½	9	38	38	39
LASMO (*351)	330	31	48	55	6	13	15
	360	14	30	38	20	27	28
	390	6	18	27	45	47	50
P & O (*610)	550	60	68	77	7	16	24
	600	20	39	47	28	37	48
	650	5	21	28	67	72	80
Pilkington (*201)	160	46	47	49	1½	3½	5
	180	27	30	34	2½	8	11
	200	10½	17	22	8½	17	20
Prudential (*240)	220	28	35	38	3	6	9
	240	12	23	26	8½	12	16
	260	5	12	17	20	23	27

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Racal (*230)	220	21	28	34	5½	10½	13
	240	10	18	25	16	21	23
	260	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	280	1½	6	11	50	51	52
RTZ (*554)	460	107	121	126	2	3	6
	500	69	87	95	4	9	14
	550	32	52	63	16	24	30
	600	10	25	38	46	52	57
Scot New (*380)	330	58	65	-	2½	6	-
	360	32	40	47	6	13	16
	390	12	22	31	19	27	30
	420	4	10	18	43	47	50
Tesco (*287)	253	35	42	-	2½	4	-
	280	12	23	28	8	11	13
	300	4	13	18	20	22	25
Thames W (*315)	280	40	44	46	3	7	8
	300	23	29	33	5½	13	16
	330	6	22	18	19	30	32
Lucas (*170)	140	35	37	40	1½	4	6
	160	13½	22	27	4½	8	12
	180	5	13	17	17	28	23
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Fisons (*487)	420	74	83	96	1	4	6½
	460	34	51	66	2½	12	16
	500	5½	27	42	20	29	32
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat (*294)	240	49	53	60	1½	3	3½
	260	31	38	45	4	6½	8
	280	18	24	33	9½	13	15
Amstrad (*78)	60	20	23	26	1	3	3½
	70	12	17	19	3	6	7
	80	6½	11½	14	6½	10	12
Barclays (*468)	390	84	93	-	2	7	-
	420	59	69	75	7	14	18
	460	28	41	50	18	30	33
Blue Circle (*268)	240	30	35	42	6½	10	13
	260	17	25	31	15	20	23
	280	8	16	21	28	31	33
Br Gas (*250)	220	36	39	41	2	4	5½
	240	20	24	27	5	11	12
	260	9	12	17	14	22	23
Dixons (*192)	140	58	59	-	1	2	-
	160	39	41	45	2	5	6½
	180	22	26	32	3½	11	13
Glaxo (*1080)	1050	75	112	130	28	43	52
	1100	47	84	102	50	67	74
	1150	30	60	79	85	95	104
Hawker (*590)	500	100	110	115	7	15	20
	550	57	75	85	20	30	37
	600	30	50	60	48	55	65
Hillsdown (*260)	240	36	39	45	8	13	16
	260	17	29	35	16	21	24
	280	7	16	25	30	32	36
Lonrho (*274)	240	35	41	49	4	7½	10
	260	22	26	35	8½	14	18
	280	11	17	25	20	25	28
Midland (*228)	180	55	58	65	1½	5	6
	200	36	45	51	4	9	10
	220	22	30	37	12	17	20
	240	11	20	26	21	26	29
Reuter (*865)	800	100	123	147	20	35	45
	850	68	95	120	38	53	63
	900	45	72	95	65	78	88
R-Royce (*174)	140	36	41½	43½	1	3	3½
	160	19	26	28	4	7	8½
	180	8	14	18	13	16	18
Sears (*90)	80	14	14	16	2½	4	5½
	90	6½	8	10½	7	9	10
	100	2	4	6	15	16	17
THF (*271)	260	18	25	30	10½	14	16
	280	8	15	20	23	25	27
	300	3½	9	-	39	40	-
Thorn EMI (*751)	650	102	100	102	4	14	17
	700	59	63	70	14	30	35
	750	30	36	46	36	55	60
	800	13	19	-	70	90	-
TSB (*157)	130	30	31	-	1½	2½	-
	140	21	22	26	2	4½	6
	160	7½	10	15	9½	14	16
Vaal Reefs (*$56)	50	12	13	15	3½	5½	7
	60	5½	8	11	8	11	12
Wellcome (*542)	460	98	107	117	5½	12	16
	500	60	79	90	15	23	27
	550	31	50	60	37	45	50
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastrn Elec (*185)	140	48	51	50	1½	2½	4
	160	29	31	30	2	6	8
	180	13	18	18	5	15	18
Sthrn Elec (*194)	140	54	-	-	1½	-	-
	160	34	-	-	2	-	-
	180	18	-	-	3½	-	-
Elec Pack (*£2080)	1880	280	-	-	25	-	-
	1930	240	-	-	35	-	-
	1980	180	-	-	50	-	-
	Series	Jun	Sep	-	Jun	Sep	-
Nat Power (*133)	120	19	21	-	2½	3½	-
	130	10	14	-	5	10	-
	140	5	9	-	10½	16	-

FT-SE INDEX (*2532)

	2350	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600
Calls						
Apr	192	146	101	61	32	13
May	208	166	125	90	60	38
Jun	228	187	152	123	89	64
Jul	247	210	170	141	108	84
Dec	-	293	-	235	-	175
Puts						
Apr	5	8	14	28	49	88
May	13	21	30	49	75	99
Jun	19	29	42	59	81	111
Jul	25	37	50	67	91	117
Dec	-	70	-	105	-	157

April 11, 1991 Total: 28525 Calls 20298 Puts 8227 FT-SE: Calls 3366 Puts 1772

*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 8	April 19	July 11	July 22

Call options were taken out on: 11/4/91 Berisford, Brent Walker, Budgens, Erskine House, Hughes Food Group, In Shops, Medeva, Next, Olivers, Racal Electronics, Rosehaugh, [illegible], TNT, Tusker Res, WPP Wts. Put & Call: Tusker Res.

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BT announcement is a timely reminder that so much of the lively performance of shares so far this year has depended on a single perception — that institutional investors are stuffed with cash waiting to pour back into shares through 1991 and beyond. That bland assumption is due for a reappraisal.

The BT share sale will siphon a substantial further sum from from the market at a time when rights issues are coming thick and fast, new equity is regarded as a source of currency for takeover bids and the Government has a substantial programme of gilt edged sales to fund. It is by no means certain that the weight of money argument holds these days. Much of the surplus cash due to flow back into the market is already spoken for.

Apart from the £2 billion plus of rights issues announced so far stale bulls such as Sir James Goldsmith and others have been able to place substantial tranches of equity with professional investors. Calls on recent privatisation issues, BT and the Scottish power companies will on some worthy estimates drain perhaps £10 billion from investors into Government coffers this year and gilt sales might account for a further £8 billion.

Rights issues will continue as the weak and strong in the corporate sector switch to cheap equity funding and away from expensive bank borrowings. Some £20 billion of new equity is required to rebuild corporate balance sheets in the next two years. This is a tall order by London market standards.

Unless yesterday's rumoured outbreak of hostile takeovers proves to be true, it is probable that investors are in for a period of introspection while they decide whether current equity values need to be chased any further for the time being. The wall of money theory was a comforting one. Something new is urgently needed to sustain the joys of spring in the City.

Gloomy view

Leaders of British industry have been eagerly scouring the skies recently, looking — a touch desperately — for the first recession-bottoming swallow which will signal an end-of-recession summer.

Mostly, the economic statistics have not yet born out their nervous optimism. Yesterday's pessimistic estimates on future capital spending in the UK chemicals industry do nothing to deter the notion that such suggestions are still attempts to talk up something which is not yet there.

Chemicals are one of Britain's basic manufacturing industries which saw consistent, real growth in the 1980s. Nine years of uninterrupted improvement came to an abrupt end last year, when output in the industry fell by 1 per cent. Careful calculations by the industry's principal economists suggest that things will get worse — a 3 per cent fall in output is now predicted for this year.

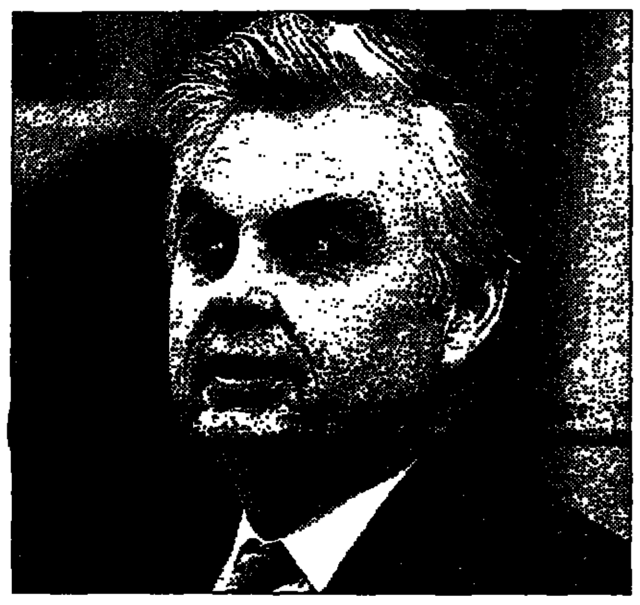
According to the Chemical Industries Association, chemical companies' capital spending is higher in the UK than the same companies are spending elsewhere in the EC. If that is the case, pity help them because the CIA's forecasts are uniformly gloomy about the level of investment in new and existing product capacity, and in research and development.

In real terms, capital spending in UK chemicals from 1989 to 1993 is set to fall by a quarter. If the recession predicted by some business leaders is tentatively in sight, that sharp decline may not happen. While some capital projects in the industry have been cancelled, others have just be rescheduled, and could be brought back into diaries more quickly.

But if things worsen — and the chemical industries' figures do nothing to suggest they will not — with a longer and deeper recession in the UK, with a further deterioration in the world economic outlook and with any delay in more significant reductions in interest rates than we have so far seen, then investment could fall even further.

The chemical industry confirmed yesterday that it had been caught short by the recession: chemical companies were largely unprepared last year for what hit them, and how hard it hit them. That may make them, and many other companies in British industry, look yearningly for some lifting of the gloom. Yesterday's chemical estimates suggest that it may still be some time before the swallows appear.

G7 ministers focus on the legacy of communism



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interest rates. But, with America and Britain hoping to start the climb out of recession soon, and energy prices likely to be lower this year, talk of global recession has almost disappeared. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicts world economic growth of 1.4 per cent in 1990, the lowest for nine years.

The huge imbalances in trade, which caused such anxiety in the Eighties, have been reduced, even if the gap between America and Japan continues to fuel the protectionist lobby in Washington.

So what issues will be foremost in the G7 ministers' minds? Mr Lamont is certain to underline the need to restore the economies of the Middle East to working order and highlight the appalling state of the Soviet economy.

The Soviet question should be high on the agenda of the world economic summit in London in July, at which western leaders are expected to decide whether Moscow's progress towards a market economy justifies large-scale aid. Here, the EBRD should play a crucial role.

Nicholas Brady, the American treasury secretary, is unlikely to want to launch any important policy initiatives, preferring to save any new ideas for the next formal G7 session alongside the World Bank and IMF meetings in Washington this month.

Like the British, the Americans are reluctant to throw money at the economic problems of the Soviet Union and its former satellites as long as fundamental economic reform is absent. Continued upheaval in the region is hampering a full assessment of the economic situation and the potential impact on world financial markets of integrating former communist economies into the free market system.

The last thing the G7 wants is to escape from the imbalances of its own creation only to inherit new disruption from the legacy of communism. Fresh in mind are sharp words from Karl Otto Pöhl, the Bundesbank president, who called German monetary union a "disaster".

The informal nature of Sunday's meeting could be a golden opportunity for seeking a way forward in the Uruguay Round talks on liberalised world trade. In spite of a restart of talks at the headquarters of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, real progress calls for tough political decisions, especially on farm subsidies, on both sides of the Atlantic.

Frans Andriessen, the European Commissioner responsible for foreign trade, called on Congress this week to extend President Bush's authorisation to conclude the trade round this year, saying this would allow the EC to reach crucial decisions.

However sincere the commissioner's appeal, a deal on freer world trade would unquestionably help stoke the engines of the world economy and remove damaging distortions. The more robust and smoother-working the world economy, the better the prospects for helping countries and regions with severe problems.

COLIN NARBROUGH
Economics Correspondent

Hewden lays the groundwork

TEMPUS

SIR Matthew Goodwin, chairman of Hewden Stuart, the plant hire group, says he will be ecstatic if the company manages to repeat 1990's pre-tax profits of £25.1 million this year. Less partial observers will be astonished.

As Sir Matthew well knows, the severity of the recession in the construction industry means that Hewden has little chance of holding profits in 1991. The only real question is how far will they fall?

But Hewden, which is based in Glasgow, is far too canny and well run a company to be caught out by a recession the like of which, if not the depth, it has seen before. While others will go to the wall in the next year, Hewden Stuart will not be among them. It may not be able to buck the downward profits trend, but it looks well placed to take advantage of the opportunities that the shake-out presents.

Many companies talk about these opportunites, but only a few are in good enough shape to replace word with deed. Hewden is one. A positive cashflow of more than £50 million, cut net borrowings to a current level of about £7 million, and left £33 million to be spent on new plant and depots. Hewden has no intention of surviving a recession only to arrive in the good times with inferior equipment.

In spite of the clear prospect of pre-tax profits under £15 million this year, the final dividend is increased to 2.175p (2p), making a total of 3p (2.75p). However, at 90p, on a price earnings multiple of between 16 and 18, Hewden's quality is already fairly valued.

Micro Focus

AMERICA'S love affair with Micro Focus Group, which is cemented by a 20 per cent American depository receipt holding, has done wonders for its share price. Relative to the market, the shares are 68 per cent up over the past three months, and 120 per cent up over the past year.

Interest has also been helped by the fact that pre-tax profits in the year ended January 31 grew from £8.2 million to £13.5 million, helped by product development and increased market penetration.

Balance sheet strength, with net cash holdings of £20.2 million (£13.5 million) also has appeal, but Micro Focus belongs to a rare band of companies that does not, and seemingly has little intention of, paying dividends. If the cash mountain continues to grow, shareholder pressure must mount for Micro to either justify holding on to such balances or to pay out dividends.

The rate of profits growth could slow this year, so pre-tax profits of around £15.5 million are the general expectation. At £15.23 a share, up 55p on the day, the prospective price earnings ratio remains a heady 21. How much further the shares run depends on American fashion. Stateside, investors currently buy comparable American companies on p/e ratios of well over 30, if not up to 60.

Lamont

FOR a company that has been on the acquisition trail for the best part of two years, Lamont Holdings looks to have landed an absolute peach in the one major deal it has actually completed during the period.

Bonded Fibre Fabric (BFF), which Lamont bought as a loss-making branch of the Courtaulds empire in March last year, has been turned around and contributed a modest £37,000 of profit in the second half.

BFF makes non-woven fabrics such as those used to make kitchen wipes, a fast-growing alternative market to Lamont's dominant carpet-making business. BFF could easily make £1 million of profit in a year again expected to be tough for the rest of the group's diverse operations.

The balance sheet remains strong, with £5 million of net cash even before the long-delayed completion of the £12.8 million Connswater property disposal in Belfast. The developer concerned is now owned by the struggling Ford Sellar Morris, so a successful completion must be rated unlikely.

However, the expected failure of the sale is in the share price, making the 10.4 multiple on forecast pre-tax profits of £10.6 million look attractive. Given the management's hard-headed record on acquisitions, the shares should be bought on any weakness.

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Sports exchange

THE Welsh may not be the best at rugby these days, but they are having slightly better luck at football. The proof came last weekend when a team from Cardiff beat several City firms to win the Stock Exchange Challenge Cup — the first time it has been won by a firm based outside London since the competition began in 1958. The team from Soclear, a settlement house owned by Société Générale, beat Barclays de Zoete Wedd, Warburgs and Lehman Brothers, among others, to win the trophy. The day was enlivened by the performance of Paul Ackerman, the Soclear goalkeeper. Described by his teammates as "two-foot-six and stocky with it", Ackerman had to be restrained by the referee after running off with the ball at every turn. "We had to keep explaining the rules to him," says Lee Saltmarsh, who led the Soclear team.

CAPITALISM is alive and well in Romania. Ilie Nastase, the former bad boy of the tennis world, has opened a sports centre in Palace Square in Bucharest, next to the former headquarters of the communist party. It is called "Nasty".

Schroders shrinks

SCHRODERS, the merchant bank, has made good its pledge to wind down its UK securities division. About 30 out of 38 staff were dismissed yesterday, including Alasdair Menzies, head of the division, and Richard Harwood, head of research. Rupert Caldecott, deputy chief executive of Schroder Securities, says the group hopes to enlarge its European division.

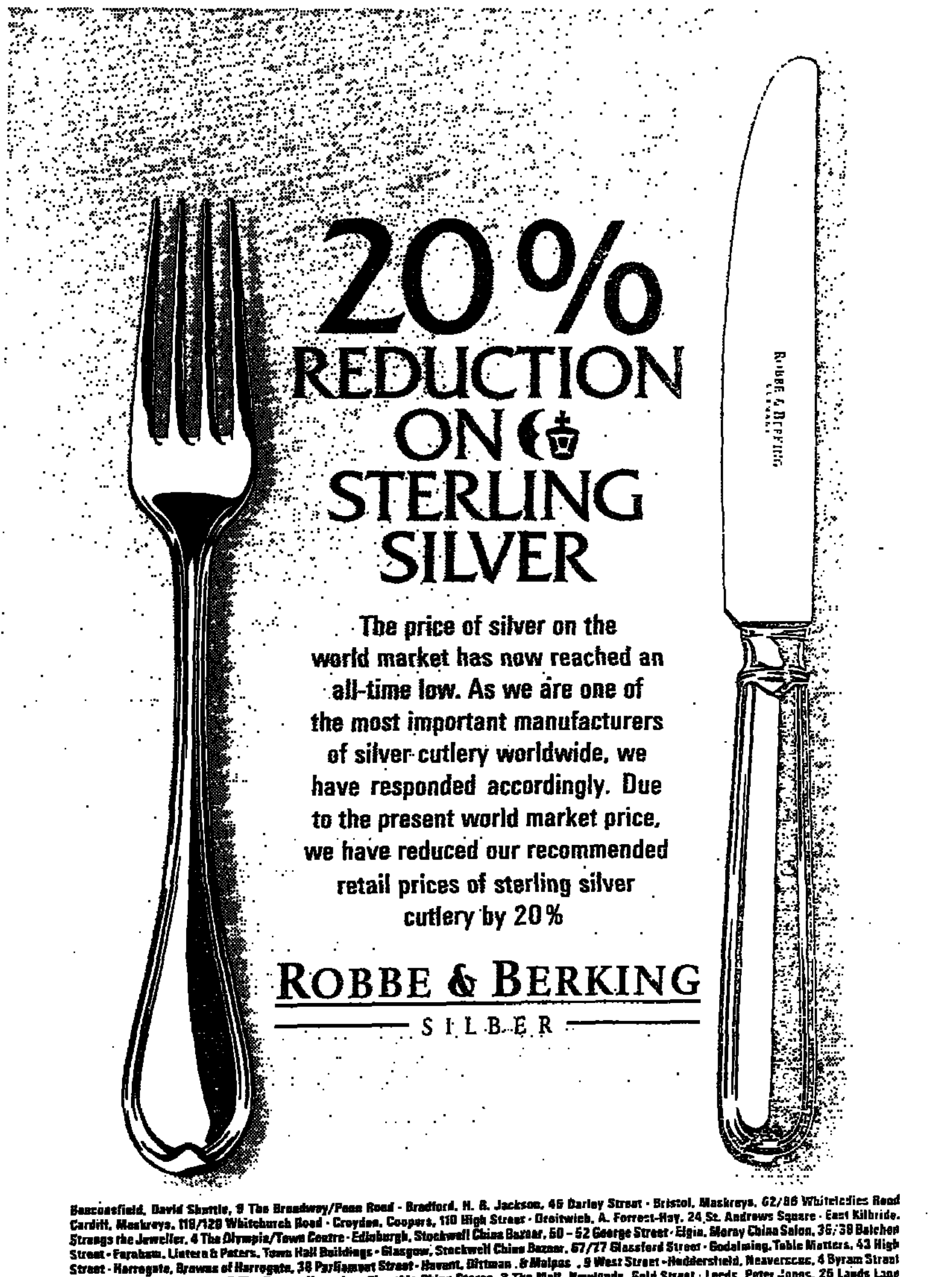
Mature scribblers

THERE are fewer teenage scribblers in the City than Nigel Lawson was led to believe. A mere handful of analysts are aged between 21 and 25, and the majority are well over 30, according to the new *Citigate/Professional Investor Who's Who of UK Analysts*. The winner of a lottery to help celebrate the launch of the guide is Nicholas Moore, commodities analyst at Ord Minnett, who will soon be cracking open a crate of champagne.

Long way home

A PARTY of engineering analysts on a coach trip to Wales on Tuesday were puzzled to spot an empty seat among their ranks. Missing from the happy crew, which was on its way to visit a Senior Engineering plant in Merthyr Tydfil, was John Besant-Jones, analyst at Olliff & Partners, who is as keen as any to follow the fortunes of the sector. Besant-Jones, described as "young and thrusting" by those who know him, had missed the bus and decided to rush home to pick up his car. Finding the doors of Chancery Lane underground station firmly barred, he sprinted several blocks to Holborn, raced home to Camden, jumped into his car and gave chase up the motorway. Unfortunately, owing to his enthusiasm, the car began to overheat and Besant-Jones was forced to abandon his quest. With his colleagues by now tucking into a slap-up meal, the enraged Besant-Jones limped back to London five and a half hours later, wondering why he ever got out of bed . . .

CAROL LEONARD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STOCK MARKET

Prices rise as hopes grow for rates cut

A FIRM start to trading on Wall Street and rising hopes that today's inflation figures will prompt a cut in interest rates enabled share prices to end the day on a firm note.

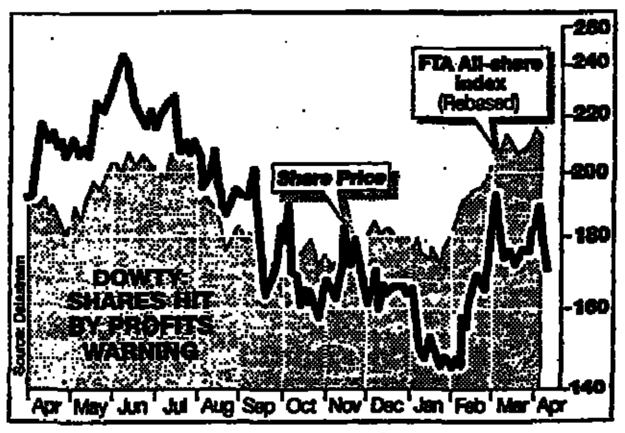
Prices rallied after a hesitant start, but it was only a half-hearted affair with institutions reluctant to open fresh positions. The FT-SE 100 index closed 12.8 higher at 2,531.6 as the Dow Jones industrial average climbed by almost 40 points in early trading in New York. The FT index of 30 shares added 10 points to 2,002.2 with 515 million shares *changing hands* — slightly below the recent average.

Ranks Hovis McDougall held steady at 320p as Cazenove placed 1.75 million shares at 315p. The shares may have formed part of the 28 per cent sold by Sir James Goldsmith's Sunningdale consortium in February. Dealers say that, without a bid, the shares appear fully valued.

Government securities also reversed falls of £¼, encouraged by firmer American bond prices and the prospect of cheaper money. The dull start had reflected the poor response to the government's £800 million tap stock issue.

Among the leaders, **Wellcome** advanced 18p to 541p on reports that children suffering from the Aids virus had responded well after being treated with Retrovir, Wellcome's drug.

Talk of a bid for one of the top 100 companies persisted. Heading the list of targets are **Pilkington**, up 6p at 201p, **Hawker Siddeley**, 12p better at 592p, and **Racal Electronics**, 1p easier at 231p. **BTR**, 2p down at 412p, is being linked to Pilkington after its failed attempt a few years ago, while **Cable and Wireless**, 14p dearer at 542p, is being mentioned as a suitor for Racal Electronics before the proposed demerger.



Dowty, the mining equipment and aerospace group, fell 9p to 173p after issuing a profits warning and announcing further job cuts. The slowdown continues to take its toll on the group's defence, computer and car components divisions and is now affecting its commercial aircraft side. Pre-tax profits for the year to the end of last month are expected to fall 20 per cent below last year's £94.2 million. The interest charge is expected to rise.

BAA, the independent airports operator, fell 3p to 426p. Yesterday's report that it is about to apply for planning permission to build Terminal Five at Heathrow Airport has produced a two-way pull on the shares.

Some investors are taking a positive long-term view because of the extra revenue which will be generated by the terminal. Others are more cautious, pointing out that the group has already spent large sums on the construction of a new terminal at Stansted Airport. The new project, they say, will only increase the burden on the group's balance sheet.

Oils were a touch firmer, benefiting from a higher oil price. But the outlook for the price remains unclear with production by the Opec members continuing to outstrip demand.

There were gains for BP, 8p to 341½p, and Shell, 6p dearer at 489p. But **Burmah Castrol** fell 14p to 586p, worried by the impact of higher oil prices on its downstream operations. Analysts are also becoming increasingly cautious about the shares, claiming that they are fully valued.

PowerGen rose 6p to 133½p and **National Power** 4p to 133½p, helped by a recommendation from UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker.

The power distributors also attracted further institutional support amid claims that their future earnings growth has been underestimated. There were gains for **Eastern**, 2p to 185p, **London**, 4p to 204p, **Norweb**, *4½p to 205½p*, **Southern**, 4p to 194p, while the electricity package rose £15 to £2,038. Only **South Wales** failed to attract support, falling 10p to 240p.

Abbey National climbed 5p to 284p before a presentation for fund managers in Tokyo on Monday that has been arranged by Daiwa, the Japanese securities house, which rates the shares as a buy. **TSB** jumped 8p to 157p with Smith New Court, the broker, recommending the shares. **Royal Insurance** also jumped 11p to 460p as BZW took a shine to the company.

AB Electronic tumbled 6p to 131p after plunging into the red

Granada rose 9p to 283p despite fears about a rights issue and a cut in the dividend. Profits are sliding and there are doubts about the refinancing of the stake in BSkyB. But dealers say a rights issue would underwrite the dividend. There is also talk about management changes on the way.

MICHAEL CLARK

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		
Abbey Nat	2,570	CU	398	Lucas	1,604	Royal Ins	
Alld-Lyons	1,687	Courtaulds	1,320	M&S	2,838	Sainsbury	
Anglian	383	Enterprise	615	Maxwell Cm	3,251	Scot & N	
ASDA	4,593	Eurotunnel	706	MEPC	148	Sears	
AB Foods	103	Fisons	4,319	Midland	5,265	Severn Trt	
Argyll	963	Gen Acc	977	Natl Power	8,600	Shell	
BAA	1,264	GEC	3,684	Nat West	2,310	Smith & N	
BET	1,318	Glaxo	2,224	N W Water	1,825	SK Beech	
BTR	1,902	Grand Met	1,580	P&O	378	Sun Alnce	
BAT	933	GUS 'A'	65	Pearson	195	Tarmac	
Barclays	1,881	GRE	1,600	Pilkington	2,981	Tate Lyle	
Bass	587	Guinness	768	PowerGen	10,000	TSB	
BICC	488	Hamm 'A'	68	Prudential	2,465	Tesco	
Bk Scotlnd	1,582	Hanson	13,274	Racal	2,480	Thames W	
Blue Circle	1,407	H & C	1,182	Rk Hovis	4,058	Thorn EMI	
BOC	398	Hawker	172	Rank	282	Trafalgar	
Boots	960	Hillsdown	1,378	R&C	54	THF	
Br Aero	1,445	ICI	592	Redland	403	Ultramar	
Br Airways	2,223	Kingfisher	1,058	Reed	307	Unilever	
Br Gas	6,200	Lasmo	1,077	Reuters	2,048	United Bis	
Br Petrol	12,583	Ladbroke	1,276	RMC Gp	530	Wellcome	
Br Steel	3,831	Land Sec	414	RTZ	1,366	Whitbrd	
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* Supervision & control of the relative sections within the technical department for all classes of non-marine insurance.

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■ **ASSISTANT BRANCH MANAGER** **Ref: M/J/91/012**

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* Negotiate with clients, brokers and local insurance companies terms and conditions.
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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
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TO: ANN RYAN
whose last known address was in 1966, 63 Norlington Road, Leytonstone, London E11 and prior thereto 61 Whalebone Grove, Chadwell Heath, Romford, Essex and prior thereto 19 Kildowan Road, Goodmayes, Essex.

TAKE NOTICE that an action having been commenced against you in the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, CH 1990 S No.874 by Michele Tosia Shannon of 61 Whalebone Grove, Chadwell Heath, Romford, Essex in which the Plaintiff, who is the widow, administratrix and beneficiary of the Estate of Robert Shannon deceased, claims a declaration that you hold the property at 61 Whalebone Grove, Chadwell Heath, Romford, Essex in trust for the Plaintiff and an order that you do execute an instrument of transfer of the said property into the name of the Plaintiff.

AND THAT it having been ordered that service on you of the Writ of Summons in the said action was to be effected by advertisement.

AND THAT such advertisement being effected and not notice having been received from you of your desire to defend the said action within 14 days of the publication of the advertisements at Romford District Registry, High Court of Justice, 2A Oaklands Avenue, Romford, Essex. RM1 4DP.

TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff intends to apply by Summons before the District Judge at 2A Oaklands Avenue Romford, Essex. RM1 4DP at 3.10 p.m. in the afternoon of Friday 31st May 1991 for:-

(1) An Order that no Acknowledgment of Service or Defence having been served by the Defendant herein, judgment be entered for the Plaintiff for: (i) a declaration that the Defendant holds the property known as and situate at 61 Whalebone Grove, Chadwell Heath, Romford, Essex in trust for the Plaintiff as administratrix of the Estate of Robert Shannon, deceased.
(ii) an Order that the Defendant do execute and instrument of transfer of the said property into the name of the Plaintiff;
(iii) further or other relief;
(iv) costs.
(2) An Order that the aforesaid transfer of the said property into the name of the Plaintiff be executed by a person nominated by this Court, being a District Judge of the Chancery Division of the Supreme Court, pursuant to Section 39 of the Supreme Court Act 1981.
(3) That the costs of the occasioned by this application be provided for.
(4) Further or other relief.

IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
No. 002246 of 1991
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
PONTI'S RETAIL LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 20th day of February 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £1,000,000 to £185,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 22nd day of April 1991.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 11th day of April 1991
BECKMAN & BECKMAN
of 20 Balcombe Street
Dorset Square
London NW1 6NB
Solicitors for the above-named Company

IN THE MATTER OF
BROOKOFT LIMITED
T/A A.V.M.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 45 Conduit Street, London W1R 9FB, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Members & Creditors on 5th April 1991.

DATED THIS 5TH APRIL 1991
PETER S DUNN FCA
Liquidator
Latham Crossley & Davis
45 Conduit Street
London W1R 9FB

IN THE MATTER OF
RIVERDALE STUDIOS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 45 Conduit Street, London W1R 9FB, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Members & Creditors on 4th April 1991.

DATED THIS 4TH APRIL 1991
PETER S DUNN FCA
Liquidator
Latham Crossley & Davis
45 Conduit Street
London W1R 9FB

IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
No. 002246 of 1991
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
PONTI'S GROUP LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 20th day of February 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of (1) the cancellation of the Share Premium Account and Capital Redemption Account of the above named Company and (2) the reduction of the capital of the said Company from £5,000,000 to £2,465,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 22nd day of April 1991.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account and Capital Redemption Account and reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 11th day of April 1991
BECKMAN & BECKMAN
of 20 Balcombe Street
Dorset Square
London NW1 6NB
Solicitors for the above-named Company

IN THE MATTER OF
Riverdale Studios Limited
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 16th May 1991, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Peter S Dunn FCA of Latham Crossley & Davis, 45 Conduit Street, London W1R 9FB the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated 4th April 1991
P S DUNN
Liquidator

RE: Hunter Trading
Company Limited
and
The Insolvency Act 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Wednesday the 17th April 1991, at 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Segal Davis Rose, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Monday 15th April 1991.

Dated this 18th day
of March 1991
K Bryan
Director

Notice of appointment
of liquidator
voluntary winding up
Pursuant to section 109 of
the Insolvency Act 1986

Company Number: 1376198. Name of company: Alan Simons Contracts Limited. Nature of business: Contract Furnishings & Blinds. Type of Liquidation: Creditors' Voluntary. Address of registered office: Segal Davis Rose, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Liquidator name and address: Richard Andrew Segal, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Office holder number 002685. Date of appointment: 26th March 1991. By whom appointed: Members' & Creditors'.

Date: 28th March 1991
R.A. SEGAL
LIQUIDATOR

GAVIN MARTIN LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE
RECEIVERSHIP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at the office of Messrs Pannell Kerr Forster & Partners, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA on 18 April 1991, at 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has sent to the Joint Administrative Receivers not later than 12 noon on 17 April 1991 details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Dated this 2 day of April 1991
J S Baird
Joint Administrative Receiver

Notice of Administration Order
IN THE MATTER OF
ILG TRAVEL LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

Registered number: 936468. Nature of business: TRAVEL AGENTS. Trade classification: 31. Administration order made 8TH MARCH 1991. Joint Administrators W.F. RATFORD and C.T.E. HAYWARD (Office holder nos. 2456 and 2232)

Hollowcore Products Limited
Nature of business: Producers of GRC Building Products. Trade Classification: 23. Date of Appointment: 22nd March 1991. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receiver: National Westminster Bank Plc. Administrative Receiver: Richard Eaglesfield Floyd. Office Holder No: 5739. Address: Floyd Harris, Mitre House, 44/46 Fleet Street, London EC4Y 1BN
Date: 28 March 1991
R E Floyd
Administrative Receiver

VANTAGE CLEANING
SERVICES LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named company will be held at the offices of Robson Rhodes, 186 City Road, London, on the 18th day of April 1991 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under section 48 of the said Act. The *meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on by or under the Act.*

Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
a. they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and
b. there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.

Dated this 3rd day of April 1991
V M Bairstow & N H Cooper
Joint Administrative Receivers

Creditors may obtain a copy of the report, free of charge, on application to the administrative receivers at the address shown above.

WEGO CONDENSER
COMPANY LIMITED

Registered number: 251171
Trading name: WEGO CONDENSER COMPANY LIMITED. Nature of business: MANUFACTURER OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS. Trade classification: 11. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 28 MARCH 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: A.W. BRIERLEY & M. FISHMAN (008441) & (6470). Address: ARTHUR ANDERSON & CO. POST BOX 55, 1 SURREY STREET, LONDON WC2R 2NT.

Notice of appointm
of liquidator
voluntary winding
Pursuant to section 1
the Insolvency Act 1

Company Number: 213 Name of company: B Ltd. Nature of business: Developers and Co Type of Liquidation: C Voluntary. Address of r office: Segal Davis Rose House, 186-192 High Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ. Liquidator name and Richard Andrew Segal House, 186-192 Hig Ilford, Essex, IG1 1J holder number 002685 appointment: 28th Mar By whom appointed: Me Creditors'.

Date: 27th March 1991
R.A. SEGAL
LIQUIDATOR

Notice of appoint
of liquidator
voluntary winding
Pursuant to section 1
the Insolvency Act

Company Number: 106 Name of company: Estates Ltd. Nature of Property Investment. Liquidation: Members tary. Address of regist Segal Davis Rose, Trevi 186-192 High Road, Ilf IG1 1JQ. Liquidator name and Richard Andrew Se House, 186-192 Hig Ilford, Essex, IG1 1J holder number 00268 appointment: 22nd Mar By whom appointed: M Creditors'.

Date: 25th March 1991
R.A. SEGAL
LIQUIDATOR

Notice of appoint
of Administrative R
ABC DIRECT LI

Registered number: Former company Playclear Limited. Tra ABC Direct Limited. N business: Warehousing bution. Trade classifi Date of appointment of trative receivers: 4 A Name of person appo administrative receiv Westminster Bank P Administrative Recei John Barrett and Jo Anthony Phillips (off nos. 1098 and 6481. Address: Price Wateh No 1 London Bridge London SE1 9QL.

Notice of appoi
of Administrative
Thirty Five Group

Registered number: Former company na last 12 months. Trad Thirty Five Group Nature of business: W & Distribution. Trade tion: 6. Date of appo administrative receive 1991. Name of person the administrative National Westminster Joint Administrative Alan John Barrett an Guy Anthony Phil holder nos. 1098 and Address: Price Water No 1 London Bridge London SE1 9QL.

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1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
485	314	Warburg SG	428	430	-5	20.0	4.7	7.5
163	109	Do 6% 'A'	141	144	-2	8.0	5.6	–
43¾	25	Wells Fargo	40¾		●-¾	–	–	–
183	125	Westpac	175	179	+3	–	–	–
353	288	Wintrust	345	355	–	11.9	3.4	9.5

BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
575	460	Allied-Lyons	513	515	+10	23.4	4.6	18.8
[illegible]	937	Bass	932	940 r	-8	43.2	4.6	9.7
175	124	Boddington	168	169●	–	8.0	4.9	10.9
244	173	Bulmer (H P)	227	235	–	10.6	4.6	17.2
143	105	Burtonwood Brew	118	125	–	5.3	4.3	11.4
180	135	Devenish (JA)	175	183	+6	7.1	4.0	13.2
61	50	Fosters Brewing Gp	53	55	–	–	–	–
639	623	Grand Met	620	625	+15	27.2	3.3	14.9
358	274	Greenall Wht	335	340	+2	13.3	3.9	12.0
434	374	Greene King	430	438	+7	13.6	3.1	15.5
929	717	Guinness	915	922●	+6	25.0	2.7	14.4
980	870½	Hardys & Hansons	945	952	–	44.7	4.7	11.7
279	225	Highland Dist	268	275	+6	6.6	2.4	20.7
167	120	Invergordon Dist	160	163●	+1	6.7	4.1	13.4
455	420	Mansfield	435	443	-1	15.3	3.5	11.4
215	165	Marston Thompson	212	215	+1	5.5	2.6	17.4
400	392	Matthew Clark	380	387	–	19.9	4.6	12.7
303	240	Morland	265	285	–	8.6	3.1	12.6
818	538	SA Breweries	805	820	–	–	–	–
409	338	Scot & New	385	388	+9	18.2	4.7	13.9
253	174	Vaux Group	228	238	–	11.7	5.1	11.9
510	409	Whitbread 'A'	468	470	+4	20.4	4.3	13.1
13¾	13¼	Do 'B'	13	13¾	–	20.4	1.5	37.2
502	389	Wolvhmptn & D	497	505	–	12.4	2.5	14.2
447	388	Young 'A'	402	422	-2	16.0	3.8	16.6

BUILDING, ROADS

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
77	48	Abbey	62	72	–	–	–	–
271	185	Amec	255	258	+2	13.5	5.3	11.8
74	17	Anglia Sec	60	64	–	–	–	–
98	73	Amcliffe	82	85	–	9.8	10.1	2.3
259	182	Attwoods	255	260	+4	6.5	2.5	22.4
252	171	BPB Ind	223	226	–	15.0	6.7	8.6
106	69	Baggeridge Brick	100	107	-1	4.2	4.0	12.2
50	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	32	37●	–	1.5	4.3	3.7
118	87	Barratt Devs	112	115●	+5	12.0	10.5	12.0
186	82	Beazer PLC	174	177●	-2	10.3	5.9	10.2
277	138	Bellway	246	250 r	-3	14.7	5.9	13.3
19	10	Bellwinch	10	13	–	–	–	–
339	212	Berkeley Gp	325	327 r	+10	6.0	1.8	11.8
158	107	Bett Bros	145	155	-2	8.5	5.7	11.3

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
35	17	Electron House	21	28	–	2.8b	11.7	2.9
54	30	Emess	38	40●	-1	4.7	12.1	4.8
278	181	Eurotherm	252	260	+1	9.4	3.7	13.5
80	35	FKI	55	58	-1	5.3	9.3	5.4
211	156	Farnell Elect	200	202	-7	6.9	3.4	14.2
19	9	Ferranti	14	16	–	–	–	–
88	59	First Tech	78	85	-3	4.0	4.9	2.8
19¾	11	Forward Tech	19	20	+1¼	–	–	–
222	185	GEC	208	210	-2	12.3	5.9	10.3
580	435	[illegible]	530	545	-12	8.7	1.6	14.3
390	345	Hoskyns Gp	365	372	–	3.2	0.9	28.0
215	165	Jones Stroud	190	210	–	10.7	5.4	9.2
22	20	[illegible]	18	22	–	–	–	–
143	118	Kode	122	130●	–	10.0	7.9	23.5
280	270	Lec Refrigeration	270	285	–	19.3	6.9	28.1
75	51	[illegible]	60	65	–	1.3	2.1	13.7
127	84	Life Sciences	120	123●	-1	3.9	3.2	17.0
242	144	Logica	238	243●	–	4.6	1.9	21.3
285	223	Macro 4	270	283●	–	12.0	4.3	13.2
270	145	Memec	280	288●	–	9.3	3.3	14.4
155	116	Microfilm Repro	136	143●	–	4.3	3.1	15.3
15¾	7¼	Micro Focus	15	15¾	+¼	–	–	39.5
177	119	Microgen	148	155	-2	9.3	6.1	11.4
4¾	1¾	Millicom	3¾		–	–	–	–
125	82	[illegible]	107	113 r	–	7.0	6.4	4.6
79	44	Mitel	70		+1	–	–	–
19¾	11¾	Molex	17		+¼	–	–	–
124	78	[illegible]	118	124	-2	5.0	4.1	9.7
78	48	Multitone Elect	61	65	–	2.3	3.7	15.9
54	32	Murray Elect	51	53	–	–	–	–
53¾	34¾	[illegible]	40		●+¼	–	–	–
75	65	Newmark (Louis)	65	75	–	–	–	–
81	40	Northamber	76	81	–	3.3	4.2	5.8
15	10	Oceonics	12	14	–	–	–	–
279	232	Oxford Instruments	280	288	–	5.4	2.8	14.4
280	129	P-E International	180	185	+2	8.3	4.5	10.6
147	93	P & P	124	128●	-2	5.7	4.6	6.7
70	43	Pask	68	71	+1	4.5	6.4	10.9
72	60	Philips Fin 5¾%	67	77	–	575b	8.0	–
8¾	6¾	Philips Lamps N/V	8¾		–	–	–	–
332	227	Pifco	327	337●	–	10.0	3.0	11.6
320	184	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	315	325●	–	10.0	3.1	–
105	67	Pressac	95	100●	-1	3.2	3.3	10.1
89	49	[illegible]	83	90●	–	2.7	3.1	21.8
247	165	Racal Elect	228	232	-1	5.0	2.2	23.3
410	251	Racal Telecom	380	383	–	5.7	1.5	32.1
37	25	SD-Scicon	35	37	+¼	1.0	2.8	–
263	186	Sage Gp	221	225 r	–	9.3	4.2	12.0
90	58	Scantronic	80	85	–	4.0	4.8	7.0
135	78	Scholes Gp	118	127●	–	6.4	5.2	10.3
409	305	Sema Gp	380	390	-5	3.3	0.9	30.7
31	16	[illegible]	20	25	–	1.1	4.8	3.9
327	314	STC	310	330	–	15.0	4.7	10.1
23¾	15¾	TDK	22¾		+¼	–	–	–
26	15¾	Telemetrix	21	23●	–	0.8	3.6	9.2
763	608	THORN EMI	725	733	-3	40.7	5.6	10.6

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
145	108	Gt Western Res	105	115	+1	5.5	5.0	–
23¾	15¾	Hamilton	22¾		●+¼	–	–	–
218	168	Hardy O & G	207	210	-5	–	–	20.5
5¾	2	Kelt Energy	4¾	5¼	–	–	–	–
394	317	LASMO	350	352●	+1	11.3	3.2	18.1
190	160	Do Units	165	170●	–	34.8	21.3	–
41¼	29¾	Monument	40¾	41¼	+¼	–	–	27.1
16	11	New London	15	17	+1	–	–	–
31	20	Nth Sea Assets	29¾	31	–	–	–	10.9
27	20	Oil Search	25	27	-1	–	–	–
46	27	Petrocon	35	40	–	1.8	4.7	8.6
10	6	Petrax	8	11	–	–	–	–
54	46	Premier	46	48	-1	–	–	27.5

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WATER

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
314	261	Anglian Water	302	305	–	20.4	5.5	6.7
334	283	Northumbrian	325	329	+11	21.4	5.4	4.9
318	257	North West	307	310	–	21.0	5.6	8.2
301	231	Severn Trent	299	301	+9	19.8	5.4	6.4
300	229	Sthrn Water	277	281	+4	20.0	5.7	7.5
327	255	South West	301	304	+6	23.2	6.2	6.9
316	257	Thames Water	313	316	+1	21.4	5.8	9.5
335	272	Welsh Water	335	339	+2	22.4	5.5	6.6
385	255	Wessex Water	383	385	+1	20.3	4.5	8.7
328	264	Yorkshire Water	320	323	–	20.6	5.3	8.4
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MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 93.3 (day's range 92.9-93.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 11	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7750-1.7895	1.7885-1.7895	0.89-0.87pr	2.46-2.44pr
Montrl	2.0439-2.0597	2.0559-2.0597	0.41-0.36pr	0.89-0.81pr
Amstrdm	3.3623-3.3717	3.3669-3.3705	¾-⅝pr	2¼-2pr
Brussels	61.27-61.54	61.29-61.51	17-14pr	42-33pr
Copnhgn	11.4318-11.4743	11.4500-11.4743	2⅛-1⅞pr	5⅜-4⅞pr
Dublin	1.1160-1.1195	1.1160-1.1170	24-19pr	59-49pr
Frankft	2.9845-2.9920	2.9886-2.9920	¾-⅝pr	2-1¾pr
Lisbon	259.38-260.89	259.42-260.48	36-16pr	1-47ds
Madrid	183.89-184.88	184.04-184.68	16-25ds	50-64ds
Milan	2214.76-2227.03	2222.21-2227.03	2pr-par	2pr-par
Oslo	11.5988-11.6479	11.6236-11.6479	2⅛-1⅝pr	4⅞-4⅜pr
Paris	10.0781-10.1277	10.1131-10.1277	2⅝-2⅛pr	6⅛-5⅝pr
Stckhlm	10.7549-10.8086	10.7847-10.8086	⅛pr-⅜ds	1-1½ds
Tokyo	241.86-243.37	243.06-243.37	⅞-¾pr	2⅜-2⅛pr
Vienna	20.99-21.04	20.99-21.02	5⅝-4⅝pr	15⅝-12⅝pr
Zurich	2.5271-2.5336	2.5272-2.5304	¾-⅝pr	2⅛-1⅞pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17301.6-17342.0
Australia dollar	2.2745-2.2779
Bahrain dinar	0.6655-0.6735
Brazil cruzeiro *	443.764-444.412
Cyprus pound	0.8175-0.8275
Finland markka	7.0125-7.0725
Greece drachma	323.40-328.60
Hong Kong dollar	13.8713-13.8810
India rupee	35.05-35.45
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.8611-4.8860
Mexico peso	5285-5385
New Zealand dollar	3.0125-3.0195
Saudi Arabia riyal	n/a
Singapore dollar	3.1310-3.1346
S Africa rand (fin)	5.859-5.960
S Africa rand (com)	4.8535-4.8617
U A E dirham	6.45-6.56

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATE

Ireland	1.5920-
Singapore	1.7585-
Malaysia	2.7420-
Australia	1.2774-
Canada	1.1514-
Sweden	6.0600-
Norway	6.5420-
Denmark	6.4450-
W Germany	1.6765-
Switzerland	1.4163-
Netherlands	1.8840-
France	5.6700-
Japan	136.00-
Italy	1246.0-
Belgium (Com)	34.5
Hong Kong	7.7907-
Portugal	146.65-
Spain	103.10
Austria	11.8

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 28, 1991 Agre[illegible] Apr 23, 1991 to May 25, 1991 Scheme I: 13.52%. Schemes II & III: 13.71%. Re[illegible] rate Mar 1, 1991 to Mar 26, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 12.472%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 12½ Finance Hse 13
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 13 Low 12 Week fixed: 12½
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 11²¹⁄₃₂; 3 mth 11⁷⁄₁₆. Sell: 2 mth 11¹⁷⁄₃₂; 3 mth: 11⁵⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	11¾-11¹³⁄₁₆	11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⅝	11½-11⁷⁄₁₆	10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10⅞	
Trade Bills (Dis):	12⅛	12¹⁄₁₆	12⅛	11⁵⁄₁₆	
Interbank:	12⅛-12¹⁄₁₆	12¹⁄₁₆-11¹⁵⁄₁₆	11³¹⁄₃₂-11⅞	11⅝-11½	11⁷⁄₁₆-⁵⁄₁₆
(Overnight: open 12⅝, close 12½.					
Local Authority Deps:	12³⁄₁₆	n/a	12	11⅝	11⁵⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	12⁷⁄₃₂-12⁵⁄₃₂	12⁵⁄₃₂-12¹⁄₃₂	12-11¹⁵⁄₁₆	11¹¹⁄₁₆-⁹⁄₁₆	11⅜-11¼
Dollar CDs:	6.00-5.95	6.05-6.00	6.07-6.02	6.20-6.15	6.67-6.62
Building Society CDs:	12¼-12³⁄₁₆	12⅛-12¹⁄₁₆	12¹⁄₁₆-12	11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⅝	11⅜-11¼

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	6-5¹³⁄₁₆	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-6⁵⁄₁₆	6½-6½
Deutschemark:	8⅝-8½	8¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	9¹⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆	9⁵⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆	8½-7½
French Franc:	9¼-9	9¼-9⅛	9⅜-9¼	9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8⅝-8⅜	8⅝-8½	8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆	8-7
Yen:	8¼-8	8¼-8⅛	8-7⅞	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	7½-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $361.10-361.50 Close: $362.30-362.80 High: $362.30-362.80
Low: $360.40-360.90 Krugerrand: $361.75-362.75 (£201.50-202.50)
Sovereigns: Old $86.50-87.50 (£48.00-49.00) New $85.00-86.00 (£47.00-48.00)
Platinum: $401.50 (£226.00) Silver: $4.00 (£2.225) Palladium: $85.85 (£53.95)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 24977	Jun 91	2582.0	2578.0	2557.0	2565.0
	Sep 91				2605.0
	Dec 91	2643.0	2643.0	2643.0	2643.0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 123636	Jun 91	88.88	88.95	88.80	88.89
	Sep 91	89.48	89.51	89.44	89.48
	Dec 91	89.67	89.69	89.63	89.65
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 33701	Jun 91	93.84	93.72	93.64	93.71
	Sep 91	93.35	93.39	93.34	93.39
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 91053	Jun 91	90.74	90.80	90.73	90.80
	Sep 91	90.90	90.95	90.90	90.95
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 6100	Jun 91	95-08	95-17	95-09	95-16
	Sep 91				94-24
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 26947	Jun 91	93-21	93-08	92-18	93-00
	Sep 91	93-07	93-07	93-07	93-08
Japanese Govt Bond	Jun 91	95.33	95.39	95.15	95.33
	Sep 91	95.61	95.51	95.51	95.62
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 61249	Jun 91	85.58	86.14	85.57	86.11
	Sep 91	85.90	86.37	85.90	86.36
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 2242	Jun 91	90.68	90.71	90.67	90.71
	Sep 91	90.86	90.86	90.84	90.84

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
May	648-647	May	583-582	May	194.4-94.0
Jul	675-674	Jul	601-600	Aug	198.4-98.0
Sep	697-696	Sep	618-617	Oct	200.0-98.4
Dec	728-726	Nov	633-632	Dec	197.0-92.4
Mar	757-755	Jan	651-650	Mar	198.0-93.2
May	777-775	Mar	667-662	May	198.0-94.2
Vol: 3029		Vol: 2831		Vol: 1061	

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
May	138.75	May	117.50	Apr	120.0-14.0
Jun	140.60	Sep	107.75	Jun	117.0-16.5
Sep	111.75	Nov	111.75	Aug	118.0-18.5
Nov	114.95	Jan	114.95	Oct	123.0-22.5
Jan	118.40	Mar	117.75	Dec	127.5-26.5
Vol:	477	Vol:	98	Vol:	65

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 213

	Open	Close
May (£/tonne)	131.0	130.5
Sep		77.5
Oct		77.5

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	88.35	193.60	111.47
(+/-)	+0.85	*-11.50	-1.59
Eng/Wales:	88.51	188.62	111.39
(+/-)	+0.65	-12.40	-1.74
(%)	-12.0	-39.5	-27.1
Scotland:	78.37	193.47	112.00
(+/-)	+3.82	-8.92	-1.05
(%)	-3.7	-61.9	-24.9

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open:	Close:
Apr	unq	112.0
May	unq	113.5
Jun	unq	113.8

Volume: 11

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London

Prompt crude prices gained on the back [illegible] interest in the short term.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.55
Brent 15 day (May)	19.75
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.90
W Texas Intermediate (May)	21.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.85

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas 1.5	240 (+6)	
Gasoil EEC	176 (-2)	
Non EEC 1H May	175 (-1)	
Non EEC 1H Jun	172 (+1)	
3.5 Fuel Oil	68 (n/c)	
Naphtha	196 (-1)	

IPE FUTURES
GAS OIL

May	171.00 BID	Sep	17[illegible]
Jun	168.00 BID	Oct	17[illegible]
Jul	168.00-67.75	Nov	17[illegible]
Aug	170.00 SLR		

BRENT

May	19.60-19.70	Jul	[illegible]
Jun	18.95-19.95		

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/[illegible]

	High	Low
Apr 91	1528	1515
May 91	1455	1425
Jul 91	1170	1154
Oct 91	1270	1250

Vol: 317 lots Open interest: [illegible]
Dry cargo index: 1558 -5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1388.0-1389.0	1375.0-1376.0	708400
Lead (£/tonne)	340.50-341.00	350.50-351.50	60875
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1287.0-1288.0	1206.0-1208.0	285325
Tin ($/tonne)	5486.0-5487.0	5580.0-5585.0	5785
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1402.0-1403.0	1431.0-1432.0	387500
Nickel ($/tonne):	9025.0-9030.0	9050.0-9051.0	7746

FOX MIGHT [illegible] (5pm p[illegible])

	Bid
Apr	153.
May	153.
Jun	152.

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has been the new human resources policy, introduced last year with the support of Paul Marsh, the dean of faculty. In an attempt to make London more competitive in attracting world-class staff, Professor Bain will increase the faculty payroll by 50 per cent in real terms during the next five years, creating a salary range from £30,000 to £50,000.

For the first time, teaching is being performance-rated. Academic staff not engaged in research will be expected to carry greater teaching and administrative loads — part of a series of measures intended to achieve what Professor Bain terms a "balanced excellence" between academic and vocational skills.

The range of programmes offered by London is also being overhauled. More emphasis is being placed on executive education, with "hands-on" course work in growth areas such as information processing, operations management and the management of technology. After 1991, executives taking the respected ten-month Sloan programme will get an MSc degree and the school has just launched an international executive masters programme, which is linked directly to participants' jobs.

London is also re-designing its Master of Business Administration programme, without the ivory tower approach. Instead of hammering the needs of participants into the strait-jacket of seminars on marketing, finance and human resources, the new curriculum will be based around common issues such as managing change, improving quality and going international. A new careers management centre will give students wider information about prospective employers in all developed countries.

All these measures form part of a five-year strategy, unveiled by Professor Bain earlier this year, with the twin aims of forming a new partnership with business and increasing the international nature of the school's faculty, students and courses.

By the mid Nineties, he plans to increase the faculty by 50 per cent and boost the number of full-time students from 460 to 900. The salary reforms have the specific aim of attracting into the faculty continental Europeans from the top echelons of American and European management centres and from the best master's degree and PhD students, enabling London to breed its own professorial talent. Professor Bain also wants to increase the proportion of continental Europeans among the 60 per cent of full-time students who are not UK nationals, and ensure that all full-time MBAs take part in overseas exchange programmes.

Although he has ruled out any move towards "customised" qualifications for employers, Professor Bain is keen to switch the emphasis of London's activities to companies rather than individuals, by encouraging greater participation in course work, introducing a new corporate club and encouraging sponsorship of chairs and courses.

In driving through these measures, Professor Bain has more than justified the faith placed in him by the school's governing board. His appointment followed a painful period of introspection, following the findings of a report commissioned by Sir Peter Walters and David Sainsbury, which shook London out of the complacency of the Eighties.

When the report's author, Tom Glynn Jones, a management consultant, canvassed the business community's views about the school, most respondents felt London was "too research-orientated". They said it "lacked focus" and was "conservative, narrow, boring, staid, old-fashioned, and even entrenched". Many thought the school was neither European nor international.

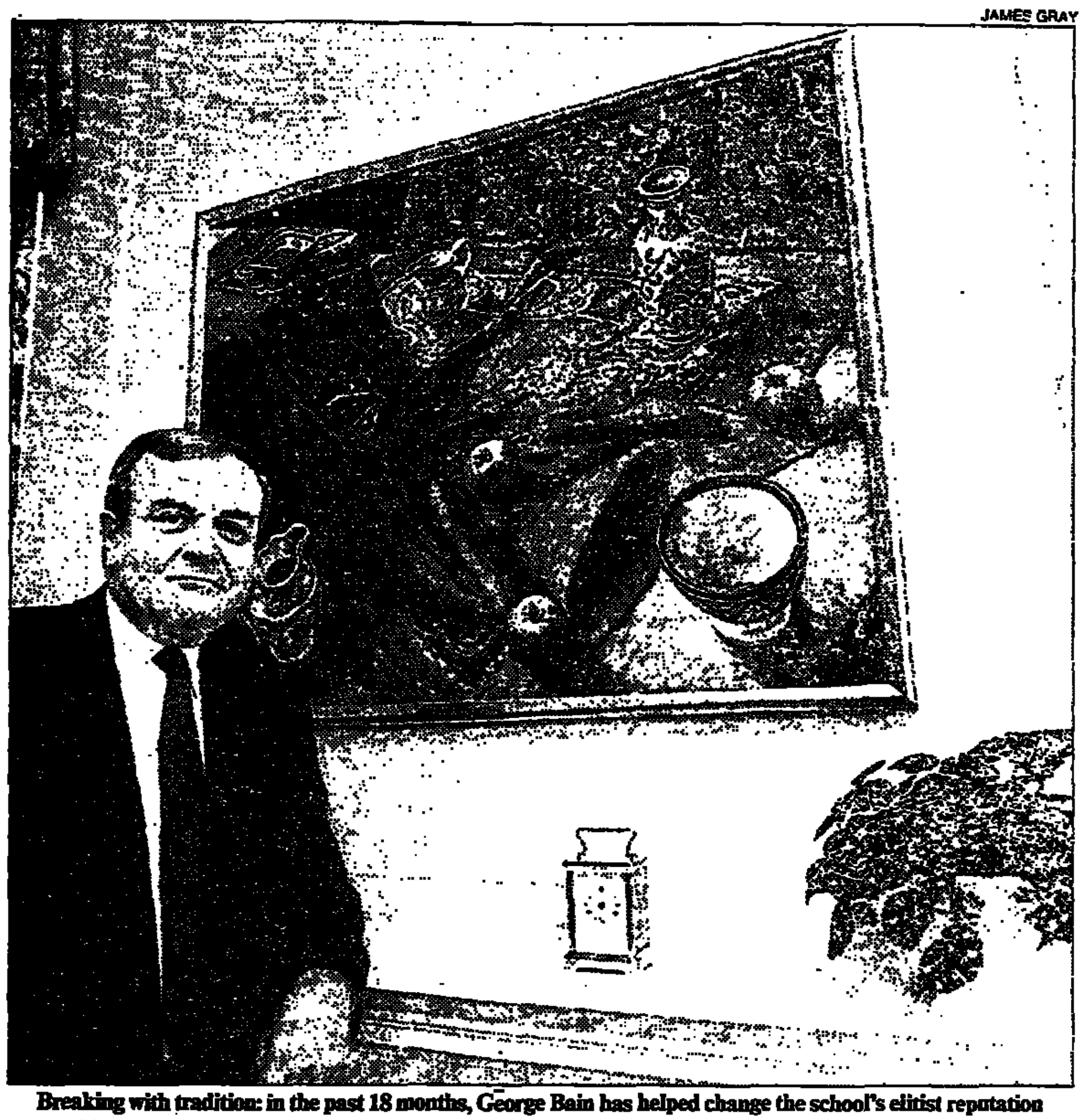
Instead of retreating into defensive aloofness, Professor Bain has tackled these criticisms head-on. The school's 1990 report quotes the dean of MBA programmes, saying: "MBAs are not as relevant as they should be . . . the response from business schools has been defensive and arrogant."

Yet this open and frank approach has not always been easy to manage. The reforms to the MBA, for example, will require a level of cross-faculty cooperation unprecedented in the school's history. A meeting held to discuss the new curriculum in February was noisy and divided.

Professor Bain takes problems in his stride. His academic background is in industrial relations, which has given him plenty of opportunities to study the effects of organisational change. As the chairman of Warwick Business School, he presided over similar reforms.

He believes that being a Canadian helps him to accommodate change. "Canada is a complex country culturally, having both a French and a British perspective," he says. "To some extent, it makes you an outsider, outside the class system in particular, and better able to move across a broader social spectrum."

JAMES GRAY



Breaking with tradition: in the past 18 months, George Bain has helped change the school's elitist reputation

Managers for the changing mould

The New MBA aims at graduates with skills of more practical use to business

London's decision to re-design its MBA programmes — the flagship of the school — comes at a time when doubts about the relevance of business school education to industry are reaching a new high.

A report in the United States on management education published last year by the Graduate Management Admission Council concluded that the curricula of business schools failed to help students "understand the messy, concrete reality of international business" *(Michel Syrett writes)*. In this country, an article in *Personnel Management*, written by Alan Warner, the former director of studies at Ashridge Management College, argued that many business school programmes are little more than "collections" of disparate inputs from tutors whose backgrounds have been confined to their own narrow faculties. Peter Williamson, the newly appointed dean of MBA programmes, is not ducking the criticism. In the school's 1990 annual report, he says: "There is much feeling in the world, and especially in the UK, that MBAs are not as relevant as they should be.

The response from business schools has been defensive and arrogant. We hope that the new MBA will produce graduates with capabilities of more practical use to the business world."

Peter Williamson: a new curriculum

The new-look MBA takes what Professor Williamson describes as a "service view" of management education. The new curriculum starts with common issues such as managing change, improving quality and going international.

"Students will get a better understanding of how the various bits of a business fit together, conflict and are reconciled," Professor Williamson says. "They will be able to test their new skills through project work with their sponsoring company and learn about alternative approaches to business problems through overseas exchanges."

Professor Williamson's thinking is based on an intensive debate and enquiry among the school's alumni, involving more than 650 "product testers" in more than 50 countries. A modular and more issue-centred approach will replace the theoretical study of business disciplines. Techniques and tools developed by faculty will be matched to business problems — such as growth by acquisition — on which students will be examined. In the second year, students will add to their understanding of these techniques through a path of elective courses and through international exchange projects with sponsoring companies. The implications for the way faculty work together are immense. Although collaborative research has been successful in fields such as brand accounting, most academic staff are unused to regular collaboration with colleagues outside their faculty. A series of teams has been set up to explore the needs of the new MBA programme, involving senior members of the faculty such as Julian Franks, the finance professor, and John Hunt, the professor of organisational behaviour. The findings of their deliberations, which will include new thinking on the admission of students, will be available by the end of June.

Professor Williamson feels the changes London is making to the MBA reflect the need for new kinds of leadership skills in the Nineties. "The era of the 'one-minute' manager is gone," he says. "MBA-educated managers will need to manage complex relationships without the stock solutions that were available to their predecessors."

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A large pool of management talent is wasted because of male prejudice, Tim Jones writes

A ceiling that cannot be seen or touched appears to exist through much of British industry to prevent the rise of women, to the detriment of the nation.

Its form is intangible, although its many nuances appear to be bound by a dated conviction that somehow women are not really first rate officer material and that when appointment decisions are made men prefer men.

According to Dr Lynda Gratton, an assistant professor with the London Business School (LBS), the glass ceiling manifests itself most when talented, educated women are in their late twenties or early thirties.

"For women knocking on doors seeking senior management positions there seems to be something stopping them and it is a ceiling they just cannot push through. It is definitely there and women will tell you that."

In order to attack what Dr Gratton describes as a "shocking waste of talent" and in the hope of rocking the pillars so that the ceiling cracks and shatters, the school has set up a new working party to make recommendations on how it can better promote management education for women.

The decision to set up the working party was partly prompted by LBS's own research data, which shows that, although the school has one of the highest percentages of women on its Master of Business Administration programmes in Europe — about 27 per cent — the proportion is not maintained in executive programmes and drops to 5 per cent, reflecting the low representation of women at senior management levels.

The working party will assess how the school can encourage more companies to develop and support senior women managers; and how it can enhance its education programmes to address, among other issues, the question of how male and female managers work together and what changes are needed within companies and within the school to achieve change.

The issue, encompassing questions of attitude, policy and gender, is complex and Dr Gratton knows there will be no easy solutions. "It is not just about putting a crèche at LBS, it is not about having a bursary for women, it is about doing many things right and helping to change attitudes."

Dr Gratton says companies must examine their promotion strategies and regard high-flying women for what they are, considerable assets whose skills are vital if British industry is to remain competitive.

"We have to turn round to companies and tell them they are not doing enough for women.

"Some companies appear to be happy for women to go into what one might call the 'soft options', personnel, some of the professions like the law, but less so for them to go into the operational roles. How many women are managing factories, how many of them are working on an oil rig in a managerial capacity?"

Dr Gratton says much of Britain's talent pool is being wasted simply because outstanding candidates are women. "Women go into universities, they are trained for the professions, but they are not moving into senior management positions," she says.

Dr Lynda Gratton: "Helping change attit

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A business degree was one man's key to a top career

ALAN WELLER

Water under the bridge: Terry Neill reflects on his career

One man who has never regretted taking a course at the London Business School (LBS) is Terry Neill, now managing partner at Andersen Consulting, the world's largest information technology advisory organisation.

He spent two years at LBS earning his MSc (Econ), the forerunner of the Master of Business Administration degree. Like many youngsters, he had gone through school doing what he was good at, progressing to the next set of exams.

In those days, he says, career counselling was not as good as it might have been. So it was a natural step to move from his home in Northern Ireland to take a degree at Trinity College, Dublin.

He says: "I went straight to the London Business School from university and it proved a very important launching pad.

"My degree was in theoretical physics and my business background was fairly limited. I found the two years very interesting and stimulating. It was very much my first exposure to business."

Although the LBS course was academic, rather than practical, Mr Neill says there were plenty of job opportunities for its graduates.

"I had lots of offers. The strong academic training followed by the business discipline at Andersen Consulting, where the human side of business was new to me, was a potent cocktail."

Only five of the 50 students on the course had gone to the LBS straight from university, so there was a strong input of working experience, especially when the group split into smaller numbers for their chosen special subjects.

Some of the people on the course had years of business experience to draw on.

There was also an international input, for although most students were from the United Kingdom several arrived from Commonwealth countries.

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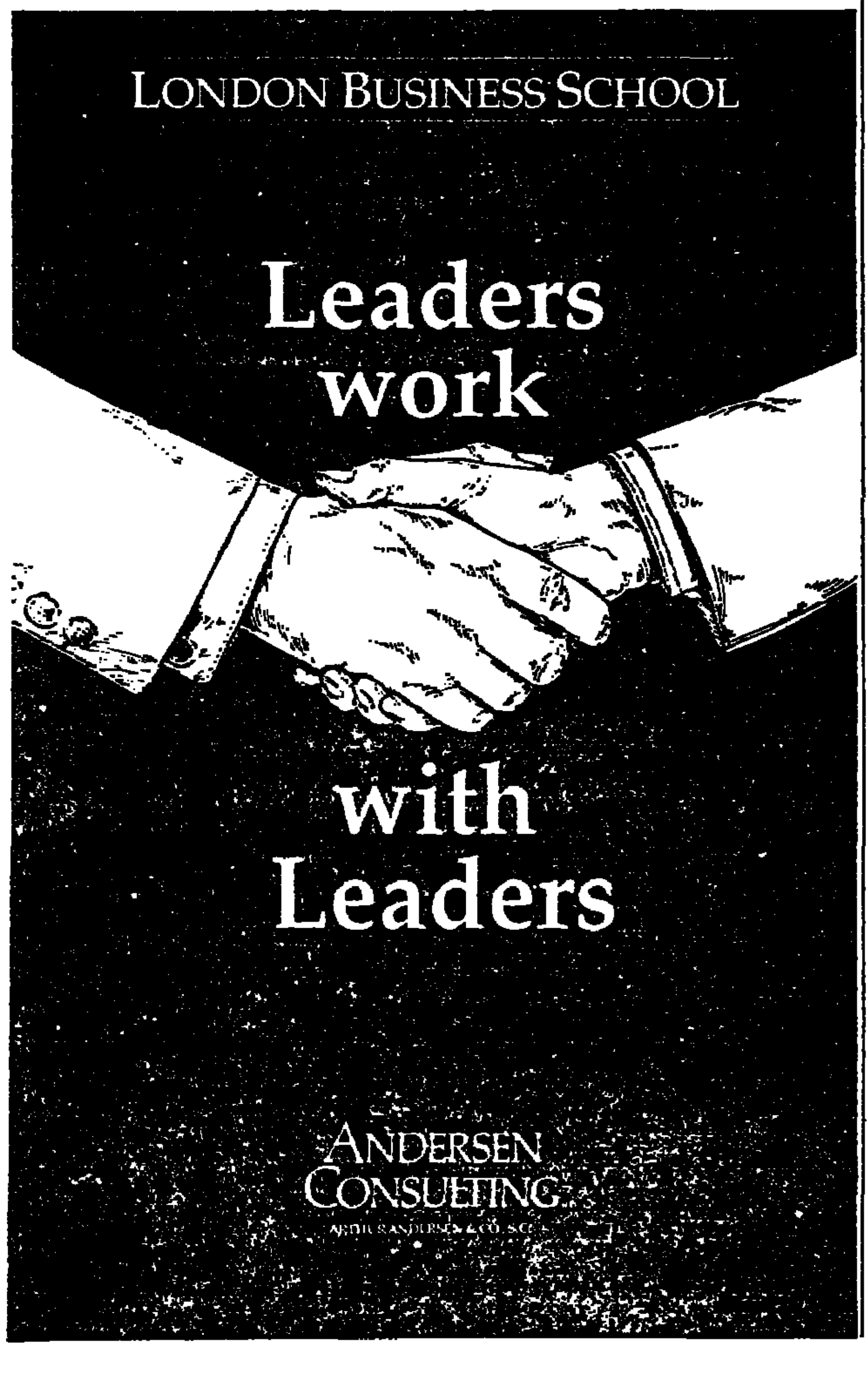

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Going east with enterprise

Opportunities to study in Eastern Europe, Rodney Hobson reports, have been snapped up by students

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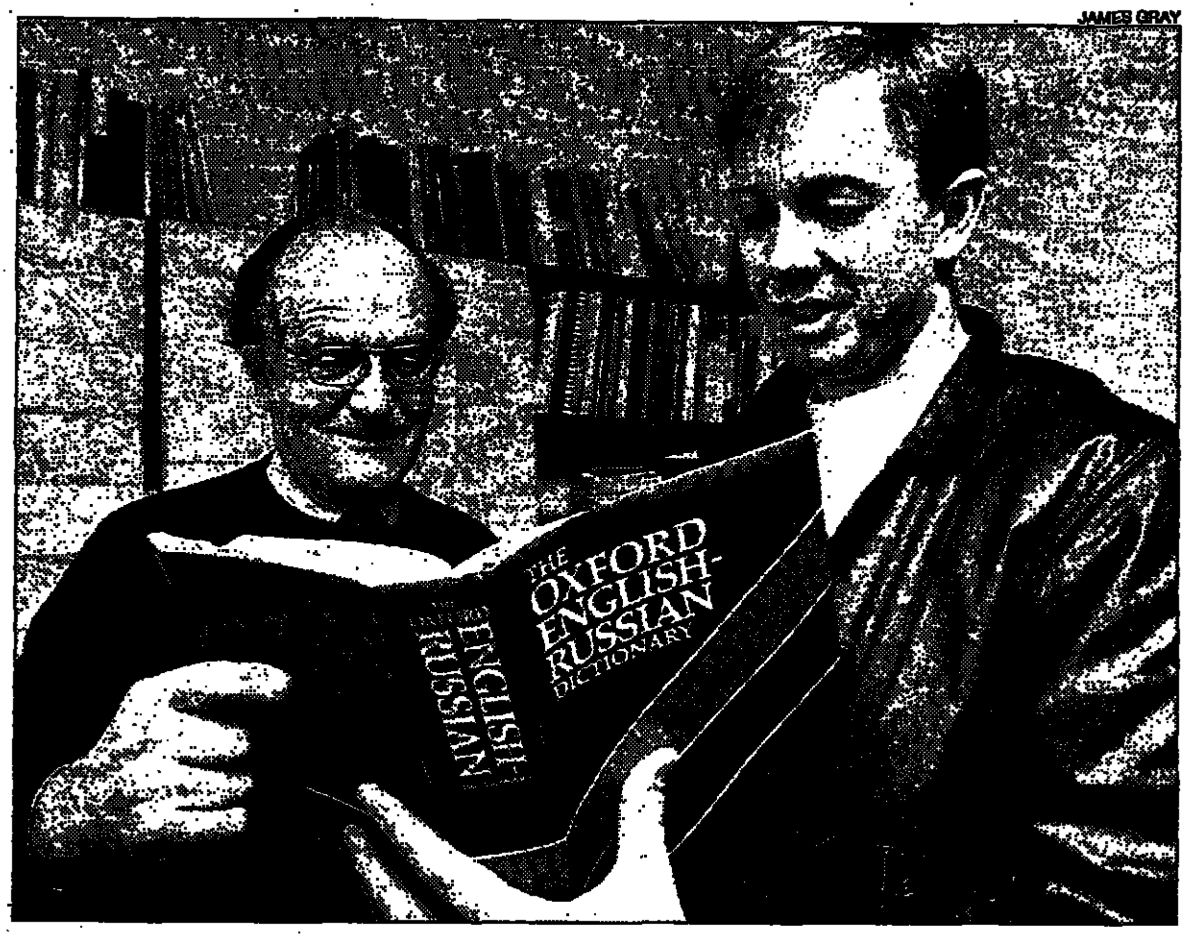

Language of business: student Jeff Johnson (right) prepares for a Soviet visit with Professor Chambers

More than 70 students at the London Business School (LBS) spent part of the Easter vacation in the Soviet Union, Hungary or Poland. The visits were the start of a new project, which strengthens the school's claim that it has developed an expertise in Eastern Europe unrivalled by other Western business schools.

LBS already runs degree and non-degree courses for East European managers and executive courses for Western managers visiting Eastern Europe. Companies and governments in East European also use LBS research and consultancy services.

Professor David Chambers, the director of the Soviet and Central European programmes, says: "The new project has arisen out of the many contacts we have made with enterprises out there through top managers who have attended courses.

"We are sending students out in pairs to spend a week or ten days in an enterprise to get an idea of its production. They will come back and use the resources at the school to see how the enterprise they visited can get a toehold in the Western world.

"The students will, effectively, be doing market research for the company, which will have access to information it has not had before."

When the professor advertised 30 places on the project he had 78 applicants. He says: "There was enormous interest in going out and getting to know something about this different business culture."

Professor Chambers found places for all but two applicants; 60 students were sent to the Soviet Union, eight to Hungary and eight to Poland.

Finance was a problem, even though the East European enterprises provided living expenses. Professor Chambers says: "We can get soft currency support, but hard currency support is tricky and this is not a good time to be asking companies here for money. We were lucky enough to get help with the transport costs from Pizza Hut and Pepsi-Cola."

Some students went to the Urals, including Sverdlovsk, the furthest point east. Several visited Kiev, in the Ukraine. There was a conscious decision to make contacts in the Ukrainian Republic to avoid concentrating solely on Russia.

The Soviet links were forged in the summer of 1989 when a delegation of 25 top Soviet managers was looking for a Western business school to visit and the London school quickly put on a three-week programme. This has been repeated twice with British Council support. Professor Chambers says: "People on the programme formed themselves into an active alumni association in the Soviet Union that meets every couple of months. They have written quite extensively about the school in journals." The school has already run a series of programmes in Moscow and Kiev for participants from ministries such as road transport as well as individual enterprises. Last April, ten LBS members ran a two-week programme for teachers at the Academy of the National Economy in Moscow, testing Western management methods in Soviet conditions.

'There was an enormous interest in getting to know this different business culture'

The LBS has had longer links with Hungary. Contacts with Budapest university began five years ago. Professor Chambers says: "They were reforming their curriculum long before the walls came down. We have taken groups of managers over there and had theirs here. It is by far the most advanced East European university.

"In some of the other East European universities there is a tendency to take down the nameplate 'dialectical materialism' and put up one that says 'industrial marketing' but actually it is the same chap behind the desk." There are no longer political barriers but, Professor Chambers says, "in Hungary, in particular, people took risks identifying themselves effectively as an opposition group. Marketing was a dirty word. Now there has been such a volte-face that it is not controversial." The most serious obstacles now are mental.

Professor Chambers says: "Managers tend to be technocrats who are yearning for an intellectually precise engineering solution. They find it difficult to take on board that planning is governed by an uncertain market rather than a central plan."

He says: "Managers have been problem-solvers. They are great extemporisers. Their skills in securing supplies are probably the best developed in the world."

The school has just won a share of an £80,000 European Community grant to help to develop management training in Warsaw. Although the amount is small, the school will be able to put on a few short programmes in Poland for managers there and help to train Polish management teachers.

Professor Chambers says: "We would love to go to Czechoslovakia, but because of the restraints on people's time we have not been able to spread ourselves yet. I also feel I would like to be doing something in east Germany."

The school has relatively little funding from central government, so putting more resources in East European projects means taking them away from profit-making courses.

"We hope to be able to make East European projects pay their own way before too long." Professor Chambers says. "This year we are giving two scholarships to Soviet citizens with fees paid by the school and living costs by external sponsors."

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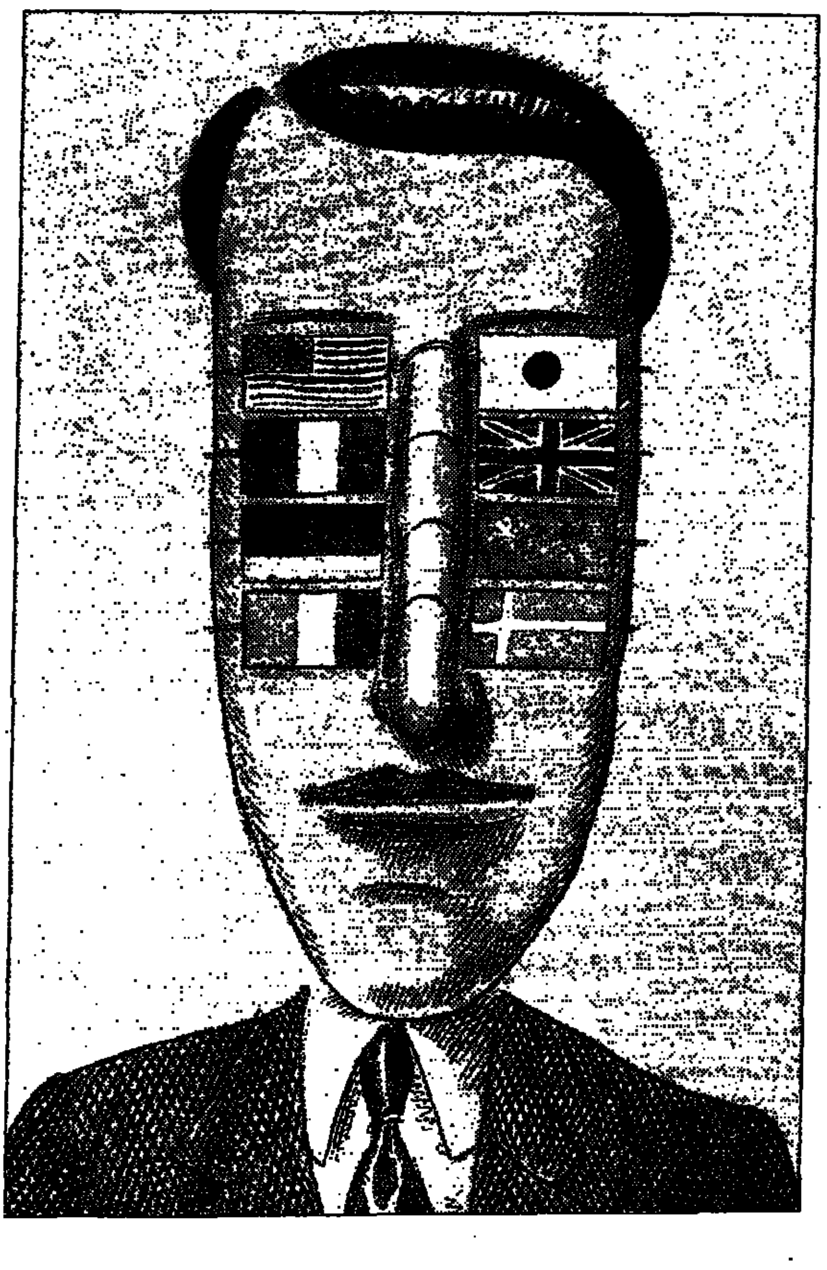

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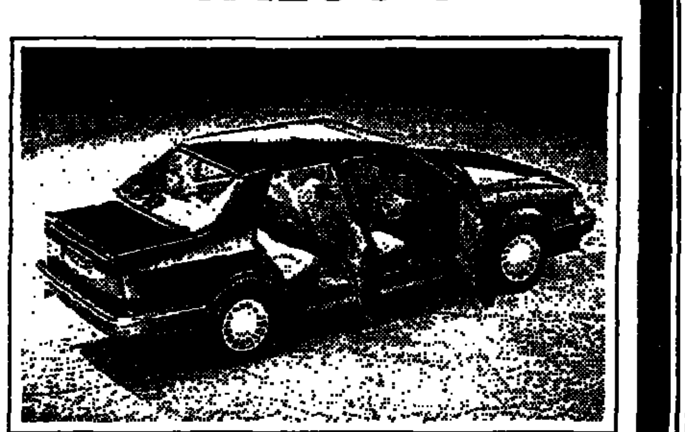

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There is little to stop the thief from making a lucrative living from stealing cars and their contents. Consumers' Association tests show it takes only 20 seconds to get into most cars.

The rewards can be great. Six out of ten missing credit cards and seven out of ten stolen cheque books are taken from cars. Thefts from vehicles were up by 23 per cent in England and Wales last year and thefts of cars by 26 per cent. Every week, cars worth £1.5 million disappear. Cars costing £30,000 and more are stolen by clever gangs and stripped bare for their components, which raise barely £1,000 on the black market.

Police complain that light court sentences will not stop thieves whose financial rewards are high and risks relatively low. In Northumbria, which has one of Britain's highest car crime rates, Chief Superintendent Bob Bensley says some young offenders have been caught eight times in two days. If youngsters, some aged only eight years old, can break into cars, there is the horrifying prospect of joyriders driving potentially lethal weapons, endangering their own lives and those of other road users.

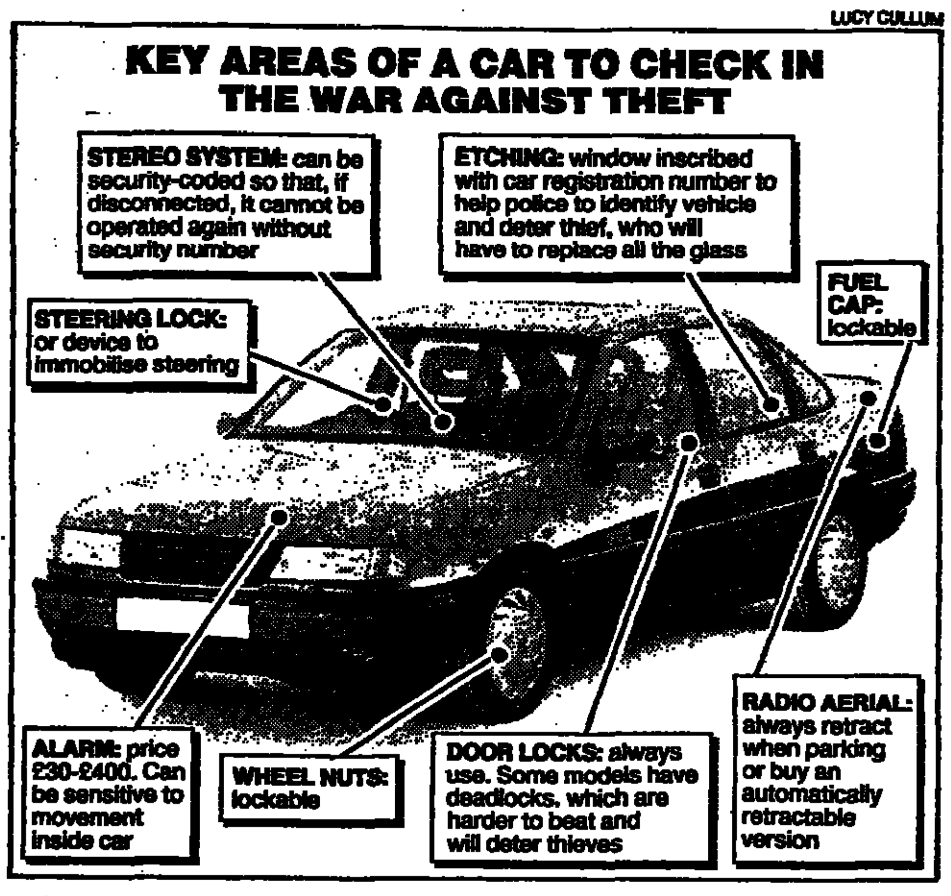
Chief Superintendent Bensley complains: "Little seems to have been done to make breaking into a car any more difficult."

That is the greatest truth in the car crime debate. Although car makers have concentrated on building cars that go faster, handle better and are more luxurious, their neglect of vehicle security has been woeful.

The cry that buyers are not interested in security is not good enough, and is no longer true. Fleet buyers, who account for half of all new cars bought in Britain, have protested for months, often bitterly, as up to 60 per cent of company cars used in big cities have their radios stolen.

The accessory market in car alarms and lock-up devices is a shaky collection of the good, the bad and the downright noisy. An alarm may only annoy the neighbours, and the professional thief knows exactly how to disarm it.

Surely, if manufacturers had invested the same time and money in security as in performance improvements, car owners would know that at least the thief would have to work hard for his pickings.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Unlucky break: a smashed window was the way in, a radio was the reward (left). Right: precautions that can cut the crime epidemic

HOME OFFICE TO PUBLISH HIT LIST

THE Home Office aims to embarrass manufacturers into making vehicles more secure by naming the cars most easily robbed *(Kevin Eason writes)*.

On Monday, Kenneth Baker, the Home Secretary, will publish a league table of cars most vulnerable to theft or break-ins, and will probably dent several manufacturers' sales prospects.

This definitive list will influence buyers and insurance companies, which are liable to use it as a guide to determining premiums on certain models. The Consumers' Association has already shown that a thief needs only 20 seconds to get into most cars.

Mr Baker will show that the government is willing to push manufacturers into providing better locking and alarm systems. However, one in five drivers leaves his or her car unlocked and unprotected.

There are some simple rules, the observance of which may deter a thief. Here are my tips:

● Lock doors every time, even if leaving the car for a few minutes.

● Choose a car with a deadlocking system because it is the best deterrent. Vauxhall's locking systems, fitted as standard, are widely praised, but some other makers only fit them as extras.

● Fit an alarm but be careful which you choose. Some are sensitive to vehicle movement and can be set off accidentally. Choose a manufacturer-recommended system where possible, or take good advice.

● Fit locks to wheel nuts, particularly if you have elaborate alloy wheels and trims, to keep away mischievous thieves.

● A security-coded radio is still best and will cause a thief extra effort. Alternatively, buy a stereo that can be removed from the car.

● Have the windows etched with the registration number. Even if your car is taken, thieves will be forced to remove all the glass before they can recycle the car.

● Do not leave luggage or valuables on show. Lock them in the boot or take them with you.

● If a steering lock is not built in, invest in a bolt-on device. A simple, time-consuming deterrent may persuade a thief to look elsewhere.

ROADWISE

Plea for car parks safety

CAR park owners who fail to provide adequate security measures should be forced to pay compensation to customers who are attacked or robbed, the RAC says. Merely providing a place to park is not enough in "these days of increasing crime", according to David Worksett, the RAC's public affairs director. Mr Worksett urged planners at a traffic and security conference to develop more "user-friendly" car parks rather than multi-storey structures.

Classic comfort

EVEN the slightest scrape on a bumper can make a classic car owner sick. The cost of a bang can be measured not only in cost but also in the difficulties of getting spares and the problems of finding an insurance policy that will cover such items. The Automobile Association has started a scheme giving cover on cherished cars – that is models ten or more years old. The policy includes an annual valuation on cars worth more than £10,000 and premiums are calculated according to a mileage and age banding system in order to offer a competitive price. Further details are available from AA insurance offices or a helpline, 0800 444777, extension 123.

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BMW price rise

BMW prices are rising by an average 3 per cent, although the company says that includes the 2½ VAT increase. The new 3-series range, launched next week, will start at £14,250 for the 316i and go up to £23,910 for the 325i auto SE.

Daihatsu superdeals

DAIHATSU has pegged the prices of its revised range of Fourtrak estate cars, in spite of upgrading in equipment and performance and the higher VAT. The 2.8DL will cost £12,955 and the range-topping 2.8TDX £15,325.

Tougher drink laws?

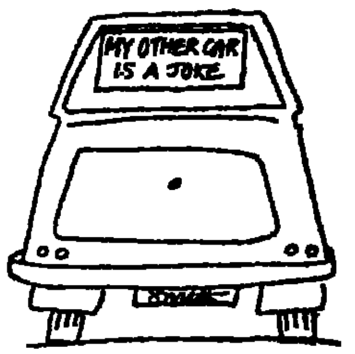
BRITISH drivers support the idea of Europe-wide drink-drive laws, which are tougher than the present British legislation, according to a survey for the Insurance Service, the insurance agency chain. The survey shows that 87 per cent of drivers believe Britain is too lenient and would support proposals for laws covering all 12 European Community nations equally.

Toyotas takeoff

TOYOTA has bucked the national trend by increasing its sales, while the total market is down by about a fifth. The company achieved registrations of 4,633 cars in March, 634 more than in the same month last year. Toyota is one of an exclusive club of marques, almost all of them Japanese, to improve this year.

Dafs by the bunch

THE Arthur Daleys of The Netherlands have been unable to cope with a flood of Polish buyers, shunning their traditional Ladas and Trabants to seek out secondhand bargains. Poles taking advantage of new visas poured on to forecourts in Utrecht this week, forcing showrooms to close after an hour. The effect of this defection to Western cars has had its consequences back at home. The Wartburg, the last of the wheezing cars made in what was East Germany, took its final bow this week to the tears and jeers of workers at the Eisenach factory. The Wartburg was judged better than its main competitor, the now infamous Trabant, but sales suffered as soon as Eastern bloc buyers were exposed to such cars as Volkswagens, Citroëns and Fords. Production of the Trabbie ends this month at Zwickau.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In the slow lane

TONY Rudd, the Group Lotus technical director, has retired after 53 years in the motor industry, including spells at Rolls-Royce and British Racing Motors. Mr Rudd was involved in the development of some of Lotus's most glamorous sports cars and was responsible recently for developing the activities of the company's engineering consultancy operation, which works for almost all the world's leading car makers.

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Publication while injunction is in force against another is contempt

Times Newspapers Ltd and Another v Attorney-general

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Ackner, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle

[Speeches April 11]

The conduct of *The Sunday Times* and others in publishing, with the intention to interfere with or impede the course of justice, extracts from *Spycatcher* at a time when other newspapers were restrained by injunction from publishing such material, constituted a contempt of court.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by the publishers and editor of *The Sunday Times* from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Nicholls) (*The Times* February 28, 1990) (*sub nom: Attorney-general v Newspaper Publishing plc and Others*) of their appeal from Mr Justice Morritt (*The Times* May 9, 1989) who on an application by the Attorney-general had found them in contempt of court.

Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr David Pannick for *The Sunday Times*; Mr John Laws and Mr Christopher Katkowski for the Attorney-general.

LORD KEITH said that he agreed with the reasons given by Lord Brandon, Lord Ackner, Lord Oliver and Lord Jauncey for dismissing the appeal.

LORD BRANDON said that the appeal was part of yet another chapter in the *Spycatcher* story, which concerned the efforts of Mr Peter Wright, a former officer of the British Security Service, to have published a book of his memoirs in breach of his duty of confidentiality to the Crown, and the sustained but ultimately unsuccessful efforts of the Attorney-general to prevent such publication.

At about the end of June 1986 the Attorney-general brought actions in the Chancery Division against the publishers and editors of *The Observer* and *The Guardian* for permanent injunctions ("the Millett injunctions"), restricting them from publishing material from Mr Wright's memoirs ("the confidentiality actions"). On July 11, 1986 the injunctions were granted restraining such publication pending the trial of those actions.

In April 1987, while those injunctions were still in force, extensive extracts from and summaries of Mr Wright's memoirs were published in *The Independent* and referred to in two other newspapers. On May 1, 1987 the Attorney-general began proceedings in the Chancery Division to have the publishers and editors of the three newspapers punished for contempt of court.

On June 4, 1987 the publishers of *The Sunday Times* acquired the right to serialise *Spycatcher* in the United Kingdom. On July 12, 1987 the publishers and the editor caused to be published in that newspaper the first instalment of their serialisation of *Spycatcher*. On July 13, the Attorney-general began proceedings against the publishers and the editor for contempt of court.

The two contempt proceedings came before Mr Justice Morritt, who held that the publishers and editors of *The Independent* and *The Sunday Times* had, by publishing extracts from or summaries of *Spycatcher*, committed contempt of court. The Court of Appeal affirmed that decision.

Before Mr Justice Morritt and the Court of Appeal it was contended for the publishers and editors that they had not committed any *actus reus* and in any case did not have any *mens rea*.

Now, however, Mr Lester conducted his case on the basis that *mens rea* was no longer disputed and that the sole question in issue was whether any *actus reus* had been committed.

It was of the utmost importance to formulate with precision the question which fell to be decided in the present appeal. For the purpose of such formulation it was necessary to assume a situation in which one person, B, was a party to an action brought against him by another person, A, and the court granted A an injunction restraining B from doing certain acts.

The question for decision was not whether such an injunction was binding on a third person, C, who was not a party to the action and was not referred to in the injunction.

The question was whether, in the situation assumed, it was a contempt of court for C, with the intention of impeding or prejudicing the administration of justice by the court in the action between A and B, himself to do the acts which the injunction restrained B from committing.

In approaching that question it was helpful to have in mind the nature of criminal contempts as described by Lord Diplock in *Attorney-general v Leveller Magazine Ltd* ([1979] AC 440, 449).

Mr Lester argued that it was essential to distinguish clearly between two kinds of case. In both cases there was an action between A and B in which A was granted an injunction against B. There was further, another person, C, who was not a party to the action and was not referred to in the injunction, but who nevertheless had notice of it.

In case 1, C aided and abetted B in doing acts which were in breach of the injunction against him. In case 2, B himself did no act which was in breach of the injunction, but C, solely of his own volition and in no way aiding and abetting B, did acts which, if they had been done by B, would have constituted a breach of the injunction by him.

So far as case 1 was concerned, Mr Lester properly conceded that C committed a contempt of court. So far as case 2 was concerned, he argued that C did not commit any contempt of court.

His Lordship agreed that in most examples of case 2 C did not commit any contempt of court, but there were other examples which showed that the test for deciding whether C had committed a contempt of court was whether C had, by his conduct, knowingly impeded or interfered with the administration of justice by the court in the action between A and B.

That was the test applied in *Lord Wellesley v Earl of Mornington* ((1848) 11 Beav 180); *Seward v Paterson* ([1897] 1 Ch 545) and *Z Ltd v A-Z and AA-LL* ([1982] QB 558).

The ground of decision in each of them was that the knowing impedance of and interference by C with the administration of justice by the court in the action between A and B, to which C was not a party, was a contempt of court. It was incidental only that the form of conduct which was held to constitute contempt in the three cases was the aiding and abetting of breaches by B of an injunction obtained against him by A.

As a matter of principle, if C's conduct, in knowingly doing acts which would, if done by B, be a breach of the injunction against him, resulted in impedance to or interference with the administration of justice by the court in the action between A and B, then, so far as the question of C's conduct being a contempt of court was concerned, it could not make any difference whether such conduct took the form of aiding and abetting B on the one hand or acting solely of his own volition on the other.

It remained to consider in what circumstances conduct by C, in knowingly doing acts which would, if done by B, be a breach of an injunction against him, was such as to impede or interfere with the administration of justice by the court in the action between A and B.

A principal example of circumstances which would have that effect was where the subject matter of the action was such that, if it was destroyed in whole or in part before the trial of the action, the purpose of the trial would be wholly or partly nullified.

The claims of the Attorney-general in the confidentiality actions were for permanent injunctions restraining the defendants from publishing what might be called *Spycatcher* material. The purpose of the Millett injunctions was to prevent the publication of any such material pending the trial of the confidentiality actions.

The consequence of the publication of *Spycatcher* material by the publishers and editor of *The Sunday Times* before the trial of the confidentiality actions was to nullify, in part at least, the purpose of such trial, because it put into the public domain part of the material which it was claimed by the Attorney-general in the confidentiality actions ought to remain confidential.

It followed that the conduct of the publishers and editor of *The Sunday Times* constituted the *actus reus* of impeding or interfering with the administration of justice by the court in the confidentiality actions.

Mens rea in respect of such conduct having been conceded by Mr Lester, both the necessary ingredients of contempt of court were present.

Lord Ackner, Lord Oliver and Lord Jauncey delivered speeches concurring in dismissing the appeal.

Solicitors: Theodore Goddard; Treasury Solicitor.

No power to order re-trial before fresh bench

Griffith v. Jenkins and Another

Before Lord Justice Bingham and Mr Justice McCullough

[Judgment April 10]

When allowing an appeal by way of case stated against a decision by justices that defendants had no case to answer, the Divisional Court had no power to order that a case be re-heard by a fresh bench of justices.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an appeal by Gail Ann Griffith, of the Wessex Water Authority, against a decision by Wansdyke Justices that Graham Jenkins and Lee Hanson had no case to answer on charges concerning illegal fishing contrary to the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975.

Mr Alan Moses, QC, for the prosecutor; the defendants did not appear and were not represented.

MR JUSTICE McCULLOUGH said that in allowing such an appeal the court would normally have returned the case to the justices with an order for the hearing to continue.

But, in the instant case two of the three justices who had heard the case had since retired and were thus unable to continue hearing the case. As a minimum of two justices was required the court was unable to make the usual order.

It appeared from statute that there was no reason why the court could not order that the case be heard before a fresh bench of justices. Section 111 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 and section 6 of the Summary Jurisdiction Act 1856, as amended by section 6 of and Schedule 7 to the 1980 Act were wide enough to allow such an order.

However, in *Rigby v Woodward* ([1957] 1 WLR 250) and *Maydew v Flint* ((1985) 80 Cr App R 49) the Divisional Court had held that it had no power to order a re-trial before a fresh bench.

In those cases the factual situation was different from the instant case as the trials had run their full course resulting in convictions. However, it would not be right for the court to depart from those authorities.

The court had to declare that the justices' decision was wrong, and although that left the case incomplete, it could not be completed.

Lord Justice Bingham delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Hawks & Scofield, Burnham-on-Sea.

Correction

In *Office Angels Ltd v Rainer-Thomas and Another* (*The Times* April 11) the solicitors for the defendant appellants were Paisner & Co, not Berrymans.

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Learning with a nose for business

By Rodney Hobson

IGNORANCE was bliss for Paul Cunningham and Anthony Birkbeck. Two City high fliers, they decided to sell handkerchieves knowing nothing about fabrics, manufacturing or marketing.

Yet Magnificent Mouchoirs, the company they set up in Battersea, Southwest London, has thrived because of, not in spite of, their initial lack of knowledge.

Mr Cunningham, aged 30, was a senior dealer at Crédit Suisse and Mr Birkbeck, aged 34, a financial services consultant with Spicer and Oppenheimer when they met on a ski-ing holiday at Val d'Isère two years ago.

Both were tiring of working in the City with its frantic yuppie lifestyle and felt they had got to the top of their respective tree.

Après ski for them was debating what kind of business they could set up. Mr Birkbeck says: "We found we sparked off well.

"We came up with half a dozen little businesses and we didn't jump at the handkerchieves idea immediately."

The notion of turning something white and boring into a beautiful map of New York or a vintage wine chart suddenly seemed inviting. Mr Cunningham was back in England first so he put together a business plan. The figures he came up with for costs and wholesale and retail prices were all 100 per cent out.

Mr Birkbeck says: "It took six months to learn everything we needed to know. We had a fascinating time and found it was a big advantage to know so little. If we had known a bit about the business we would probably have thought that we knew enough. If anything, we learnt too much but now and then it was handy knowing about production, cloth construction, chemicals and finishes. It gave us an advantage over others in the trade."

Thorough research also helped to control quality and costs. Weaving, finishing, printing, stitching and packaging are all commissioned out, each to a different subcontractor.

Persuading big names in retailing such as Harrods and Harvey Nichols to stock Black Monday share prices or a Bach score printed on top quality cotton was comparatively easy. Mr Cunningham explains: "Department stores tend to be keen on new products because they are market leaders. The difficulty is to keep them interested. After a year or so your product is not new."

The two partners are conscious of the dangers of being a one-product company. Apart from introducing new designs — Mozart has joined Bach and leading racecourses now stand next to St Andrews golf course — a cheaper cotton variety will retail at less than £5 compared with the original £6-7 line. A silk range is planned.

The venture seemed a big risk at the time, but in retrospect it does not appear frightening. Mr Birkbeck said: "The culture of the career path is that you think you have got to stay on a ladder and if you step off you go down a snake. In fact, you find you are going up a different ladder."

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Not to be sneezed at: Anthony Birkbeck (left) and Paul Cunningham

Confidence wanes on both sides of Channel

By Sally Watts

SUCCESSFUL small and medium-size enterprises, in France as well as Britain, lack confidence in the business climate and expect conditions to deteriorate in the next six months, according to a survey by Investors in Industry (3i) and Cranfield School of Management.

The survey is part of continuing research into new business formation and growth and behaviour of entrepreneurs in selected European countries. The next survey will include Germany and Spain.

For smaller British businesses eyeing prospects in France, the survey makes cautionary reading. Many companies, especially in France, think competition will increase. In Britain, 39 per cent believe employee numbers will fall in the coming months, though only 14 per cent of the French firms predict staff reductions.

The 800 companies in the survey are among the most profitable, with a turnover between £5 million and £50 million, above 40 per cent return on capital and a workforce ranging from 10 to 500. But 71 per cent of those in Britain, and 54 per cent in France, expect worsening commercial conditions, with British respondents expressing particular concern about high interest rates, inflation and government domestic policies.

"This would explain a general lack of dynamism and a worrying trend toward employee redundancies," says Professor Paul Burns, director of the 3i/Cranfield European Enterprise Centre. It follows other recent surveys which have been forecasting increasing unemployment in Britain.

Although a majority of firms in both countries consider their turnover is likely to remain the same or even increase, only 36 per cent in Britain and 30 per cent in France believe their profits will increase.

This anxiety is affecting plans for expansion and for increased expenditure in areas such as training, research and development and marketing, though only a minority plan cuts in these areas.

British firms generally are more anxious than their French counterparts. This was revealed in an open question on corporate objectives: survival was the word most often mentioned.

Other objectives include consolidation, reducing costs and maintaining sales, whereas most French companies aim was to "increase turnover, profitability and market share."

Accordingly, a higher proportion of these are developing their home market, often with new products or services, while British companies are slightly keener to develop in the European Community.

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Looking the part: Richard Noble admires the model of his vessel with its semi-displacement hull form

THE America's Cup will be the big sailing event of 1992, but three high rollers in the world of record breaking are planning to match their skills and technology in an equally exciting powerboat challenge across the Atlantic.

Tom Gentry, the American Blue Riband holder from Hawaii, the Aga Khan and Richard Noble, Britain's world land-speed record holder, are preparing three massive powerboats for an unscheduled race from Ambrose Light, New York, to Bishop Rock in the Scillies to push the Blue Riband record for the 3,000-mile crossing beyond the 60-knot mark.

The Blue Riband, once the preserve of the great liners, was held by the *USS United States* for 34 years until Richard Branson, Ted Toleman and Chay Blyth clipped two hours off the record back in 1986 with an audacious, incident-packed voyage aboard their 72ft monohull, Virgin Atlantic Challenger II, taking three days, eight hours and 31 minutes.

It was dubbed a "toy boat" challenge by American critics, keen to preserve the myths of the great Atlantic liners, until Tom Gentry set the present record of 62hr 7min (an average of 47.4 knots) in 1989 with his 110ft British-built powerboat, Gentry Eagle.

The Aga Khan, who had planned to challenge the record this year until the Gulf War and recession robbed him of key personnel, has just launched his 67-metre long Destriero, powered by three General Electic gas turbines, generating 50,000 shaft horse power (shp). The vessel, which is destined to be converted into a high speed private yacht after the attempt, will now undergo a year of testing, including an attempt on the east-west Atlantic record, before lining up for the special event in July 1992.

Undaunted, Gentry, who is relying on the experience of two previous attempts, is building a 50-metre long craft powered by twin 20,000shp General Electric jets. In Britain, Richard Noble and his team, which include Toleman and the round-the-world yachtsman, Robin Knox-Johnston, and will be led on the water by Commander Dai Morgan, a serving submariner in the Royal Navy, are pinning their hopes on a radical hull design drawn up by Erbil Serter. The Swiss-based military hydrodynamist has come up with a deep V semi-displacement hull form with an extremely fine entry designed to cut through the waves.

"The test tank results indicate a 25 per cent reduction on drag," Noble said. "In simple terms, instead of jumping out of the water as a conventional powerboat does in a seaway, this hull will slice through, requiring less power, and, thus a lesser fuel load."

Construction of the 55-metre British boat, to be named North East Spirit, is scheduled to commence in Newcastle next month. The alloy vessel, powered by a modified Lockheed Tristar aero engine generating 33,000 shp, which Noble sees as a forerunner to a new generation of military patrol boats, will weigh 360 tons, less than half that of the Aga Khan's Destriero and has an all important power-to-weight ratio advantage of almost 30 per cent.

Noble's £5 million project has already won the backing of 146 companies, including British Aerospace, Scottish and Newcastle Breweries and the City of Newcastle.

"The support from the North-East has been fantastic," Noble said. "Even the Post Office is franking every letter 'Support North East Spirit' and people in the street are offering private donations. This race is likely to be the last we will see this century for the Blue Riband. Our boat is capable of pushing the record speed above 60 knots which is such a substantial margin on the existing time, that no one else will want to risk the considerable investment just to push it a fraction further."

Company to turn down the decibels

IRRESPECTIVE of whether you favour power or sail, the bane of most yachtsmen is the din from the engines. "It's amazing just how much noise yachtsmen seem prepared to put up with," John Bodie, from Rolls-Royce, the British car company, said.

Yachtsmen, forced to turn on the auxillary when the wind fails, can escape the worst of the noise by staying on deck, but for the powerboat crew, the decibel level generated by twin engines can prove a conversation-stopper.

But an answer may soon be at hand. Rolls-Royce, who took over Riva, the leading Italian powerboat builder a year ago, has set its design engineers with the task of improving noise insulation in boats. "We have just taken delivery of a Riva in England, and we hope to have come up with a solution to the problems in time for Cowes Week," Bodie said.

"We will be using our own analysis techniques developed at Crewe to track down the source of all noises and their transmission paths," Nick Colbourne, the Rolls-Royce engineer seconded to the Italian boat builder, said. "We have to understand the transmission of these noises."

QUAY NOTES

THE Royal National boat Institute (RNLI), w work-load has doubled the past 12 years, was c out on a record 4,903 r missions last year, almos more than in 1989.

"The vast majority of come from pleasure c though we are also witne a worrying rise in fishing incidents," Edward W Walker, the spokesman the RNLI, said yesterday suggests this could be bec more fast inshore fis boats are being tempted further offshore.

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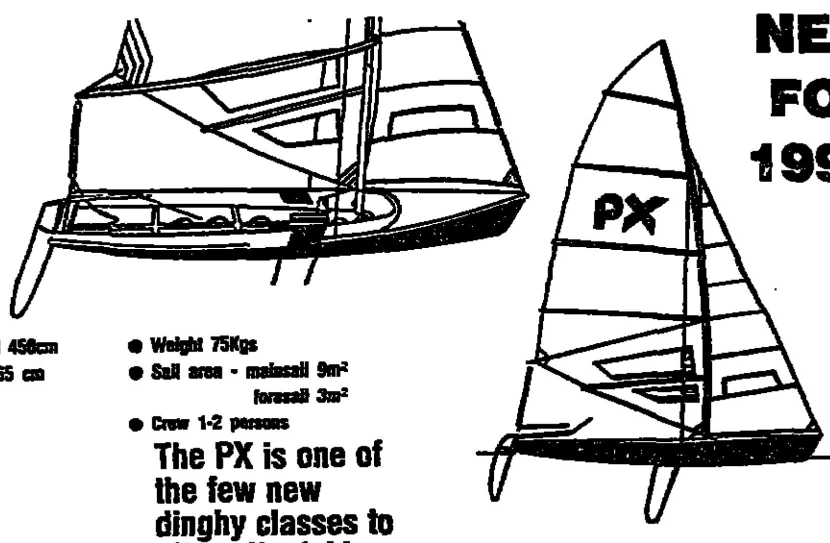

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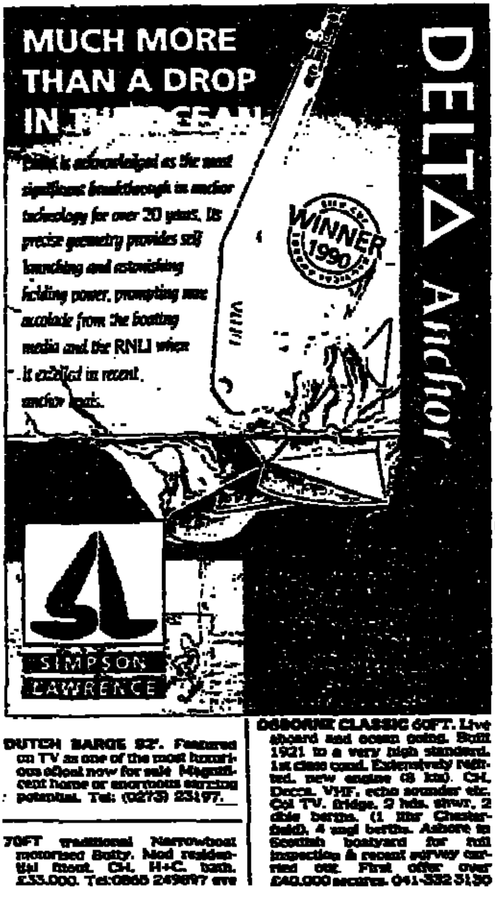

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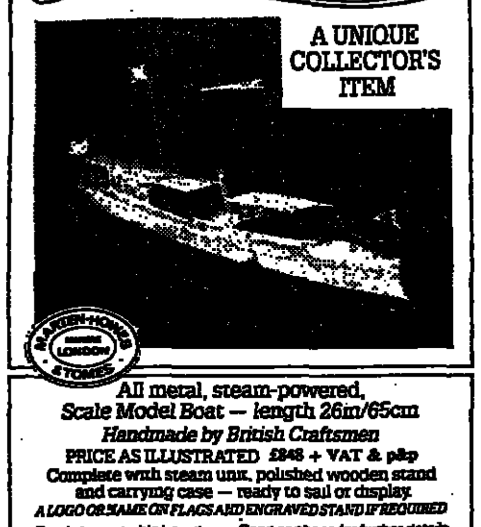

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Those who enjoy betting in doubles or trebles should profit today if they include Private Access (4.0) in any permutation. First at Doncaster, then at Kempton, this Ian Balding-trained colt showed last year that he has more than sufficient ability to deal with his eight opponents in the Leconfield Maiden Stakes.

My other principal fancies on the East Yorkshire track are Sense Of Priority (3.00) and Star Player (3.30).

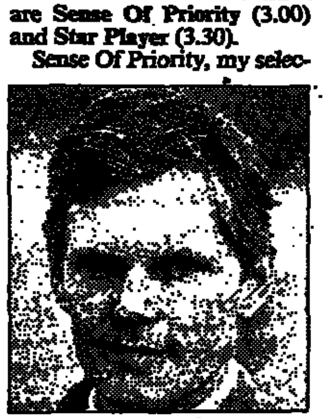
Sense Of Priority, my selection for the Hutton Cranswick Maiden Auction Stakes, caught a tartar at Newcastle first time out when he was beaten by Threepence, who could be bound for Royal Ascot in due course.

Star Player, my choice for the Bridlington Bay Maiden Stakes, was far from disgraced at Doncaster when he was beaten by Native Mission in a similar but shorter event.

With his No. 1 jockey Brendan Powell injured badly at Liverpool and as a result out of action for the remainder of the season, Chris Popham has decided to ask Chris Grant to travel south from his base in Co. Durham to partner his runners at Wincanton.

While Panto Prince, who has five victories on the Somerset track to his credit already, should make the long trek worthwhile by winning the West Country Veteran Stakes, I cannot help wondering whether stable companion Polyfemus will manage to cope with either Lauderdale Lad or Mulloch Brae in the Hamilton Litestat Young Pretenders Handicap Chase.

While Lauderdale Lad was still there with a good chance of winning when he fell at the penultimate fence at Sandown last time, I just prefer Mulloch Brae



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...Mrs J Pitman 5-11-1 .... M Pitman
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...Miss N Berry 9-10-10 .... —
...4F G Gracey 5-10-10 .... Miss Z Davison
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...Y 41 R Curtis 4-10-5 .... D Morris
...J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-5 .... E Byrne
...1 Edward Seymour, 10-1 First Avenue,
...Young Hustler, 20-1 others.

...HANDICAP CHASE (£2,399:

...1 (D,G,S) R Akehurst 11-11-12 (5ex) .... L Harvey
...AR 17 (CD,F,G,S) D Grissell 9-11-10 .... H Davies
...F,G,S) J White 8-11-3 .... D Skyrme
...(CD,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 11-10-11 .... E Byrne
...E 52F (C,F,G,S) D Murray Smith 8-10-7 .... G Bradley
...) A Moore 9-10-6 .... W Morris
...D,F) R Ledger 12-10-0 .... Mrs N Ledger
...D,F,G,S) P Davis 12-10-0 .... J Kavanagh (3)
...ll, 7-2 Breakfast Car, 11-2 Bendicks,
...nger, 20-1 others.

...NG HANDICAP HURDLE

...3 (CD,F) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-12-0 .... I Shoemark (3)
...R 8F (D,BF) A Moore 6-11-0 .... Candy Morris
...) (D,BF,F) T McGovern 6-10-7 .... W McFarland
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...(D,F) Miss S Wilton 6-10-3 .... —
...) J White 4-10-2 .... D Skyrme
...102 (B,D,F) Miss K George 6-10-0 .... V Smith
...R 18F J Jenkins 6-10-0 .... M Ahern (3)
...111 A Davison 6-10-0 .... D Gallagher
...0 J Bradley 5-10-0 .... D Tegg
...INK 18F R Hodges 5-10-0 .... A Tory
...R Champion 5-10-0 .... P Barnard (3)
...13 J Bradley 6-10-0 .... —
...Jennett 6-10-0 .... L Harvey
...wer, 5-1 Nathir, 6-1 Harken Premier,
...llow, 10-1 Sharp Order, 12-1 others.

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...ith, 16 winners from 34 runners,
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...111, 18 9%.
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... D Skyrme, 7 from 32, 21 9%; H
... L Harvey, 7 from 39, 17.9%; M

4.0 ALFRED McALPINE CONSTRUCTION NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,700: 3m 1f) (14)

1 2F22 BOLD MONK 11 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) D Barons 9-11-10 .... R Greene (5)
2 222P TRUE LOOP 27 (F) Mrs F Walwyn 9-11-6 .... K Mooney
3 3341 PLASTIC SPACEAGE 13 (C,G) J Old 8-11-5 .... T Grantham
4 0UP5 CHATTY FELLOW 28 (F,S) G Balding 8-11-0 .... G Bradley
5 3U40 MISS FERN 11 (C,F) R Dickin 6-10-13 .... M Perrett
6 P-66 COOL DISTINCTION 24 J White 8-10-8 .... D Skyrme
7 R-00 BLUE MARBLE 80 F Murphy 9-10-7 .... T Barry (7)
8 F24P TRUE CLOWN 49 N Twiston-Davies 9-10-5 .... H Davies
9 0100 BALLY FRENCHMAN 13 (B,S) A Davison 7-10-5 .... D Gallagher
10 PPP4 MONASTIC CALM 15 P Davis 7-10-2 .... J Kavanagh (3)
11 55PP SEA CHALLENGER 28 (B) R Ledger 10-10-2 .... Mrs N Ledger
12 065U PANEL GAME 13 (S) P Butler 7-10-2 .... M Kinane
13 5P42 PRAIRIE STORM 11 (V) T Etherington 7-10-2 .... R Supple
14 -51F TUDOR SUN 27 (S) J Bennett 9-10-2 .... D Tegg

7-2 Tudor Sun, 4-1 Plastic Spaceage, 5-1 Bold Monk, Prairie Storm, 6-1 True Loop, 8-1 True Clown, 10-1 Miss Fern, 14-1 others.

4.30 OFFHAM MAIDEN CHASE (Div I: £2,212: 2m) (9)

1 -P53 ANOTHER SEASON 11 (B) D Browning 7-11-3 .... J Akehurst
2 0P42 BOLD ARCHER 11 (B) Miss K George 8-11-3 .... D Skyrme (3)
3 -504 CAPTAIN MANNERING 16 L Codd 6-11-3 .... R Stronge
4 6604 DECRETO 11 M Madgwick 10-11-3 .... D Madgwick (7)
5 3024 HENFOLD LANE 43 T Etherington 8-11-3 .... R Supple
6 PU5P PENSIONER PATCH 11 (D,F) J Gifford 9-11-3 .... E McKinley
7 0/PP TURBO KING 78 F Murphy 8-11-3 .... B Murphy (7)
8 PPPP ASCOT DANCER 13 D Barons 5-10-10 .... R Greene (5)

11-8 Bold Archer, 5-2 Henfold Lane, 9-2 Another Season, 6-1 Pensioner Patch, 10-1 Decreto, 14-1 Ascot Dancer, 16-1 others.

5.0 OFFHAM MAIDEN CHASE (Div II: £2,193: 2m) (8)

1 2-P6 ASHMAE 43 A Neaves 9-11-3 .... M Lawrence
2 5506 BLOXHAM 11 F Jordan 6-11-3 .... J Lodder
3 P00P BREEZE AWAY BEN 102 Miss K George 9-11-3 .... D Skyrme (3)
4 /50- DENITZ 127F H Collingridge 9-11-3 .... V Smith
5 P3PF FINAL MOVEMENT 11 D Gandolfo 6-11-3 .... B Dowling
6 400/ OVER THE SLANEY 734 L Codd 10-11-3 .... R Stronge
7 /026 ROYAL BEAR 13 J Bradley 9-11-3 .... D Tegg
8 P SUSIES BOY 46 A Moore 11-11-3 .... W Morris

2-1 Bloxham, 5-2 Final Movement, 7-2 Royal Bear, 8-1 Breeze Away Ben, Over The Slaney, 10-1 Denitz, 12-1 others.

5.30 LEWES HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £2,013: 2m 4f) (20)

1 3231 RED HACKLE 13 (V,D,S) M Pipe 6-12-1 .... F Morrier (3)
2 P-30 GODS FOX 78 (CD,BF,G,S) R Akehurst 9-11-11 .... R Byrne (7)
3 RRR TAROOGAN'S BEST 7 (V,D,F,G,S) C Holmes 11-11-8 .... C Holmes (7)
4 435P PROFLIGATE 18 (D,G) D Greig 6-11-0 .... T McCarthy (7)
5 2302 EMSEE-H 11 F Murphy 6-10-13 .... P Murphy (7)
6 521- BOSCHENDAL 319 (F,G) P Madgwick 9-10-12 .... A Madgwick (7)
7 1133 FIVE LAMPS 13 (D,G,S) R Dickin 11-10-12 .... B Leavy (7)
8 3116 ST VILLE 59 (B) D Grissell 6-10-9 .... Mrs D Grissell (5)
9 0P43 DISCO DUKE 13 (F) A Moore 6-10-8 .... A Hickman (7)
10 5FP2 DOONLOUGHAN 11 G Balding 6-10-5 .... J Durkan (5)
11 0636 MANHATTAN BOY 11 (C,F,G,S) V J Ffitch-Heyes 9-10-0 .... Miss S Murgatroyd
12 /5F- BATU 330 (B,C,F) N Wheeler 10-10-0 .... N Wheeler (7)
13 5030 TRIBAL DRUM 13 (B,CD,G,S) D Browning 12-10-0 .... Mrs N Ledger (7)
14 1420 CELTIC CHIMES 6 (G) G Enright 7-10-0 .... D Gray
15 PPF0 QUAI D'ORSAY 13 (CD,F,S) F O'Mahony 6-10-0 .... R Ferrant (7)
16 580F WELSH COMMANDER 11 (B,G) G Gracey 8-10-0 .... Miss Z Davison (7)
17 6660 OLYMPUS REEF 9 (D) P Davis 6-10-0 .... —
18 6/P6 EASTERN QUARTET 27 G Balding 7-10-0 .... C Hambline (7)
19 /30- FAVOURITE GUEST 538 (B) Miss S Wilton 7-10-0 .... —
20 606/ COLDHARBOUR LAD 752 (C,S) E Beaver 10-10-0 .... Miss S Belcher (7)

5-1 Red Hackle, 11-2 Celtic Chimes, 6-1 Five Lamps, Doonloughan,

Blinkered first time

BEVERLEY: 2.0 Danny Blanchflower. 3.30 Mirandinha, Surest Dancer

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Banker Mason, Pareva, Man Of Maum, Like A Prayer, Apple Pip, Ramwood Girl 19 ran. 2½l, 1½l, ¾l, ½l, 1½l. M Camacho at Malton. Tote £2 60, £1.50, £2.30, £3.60 DF: £4.60. CSF £7 63

2.45 (5f) 1, CERTAIN RISK (R Perham, 5-2); 2, Try Leguard (T Williams, 15-8), 3, Grand Time (J Carroll, 13-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 16 Glow Of The Glen (4th), 25 Toshiba Comet Star (5th). 5 ran. Nk, 8l, 3l, 12l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote £3 40, £1.90, £1 10. DF: £4.30. CSF £7 25. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood

3.15 (6f) 1, NORDIC BRAVE (A Munro, 10-1), 2, Sky Cloud (W R Swinburn, 11-2), 3, Cumbrian Waltzer (M Birch, 10-1); 4, Gondo (B Doyle, 12-1) ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Dansben, 17-2 Tauber, 9 Super Benz, 12 Prolific, Welley Lad, 14 Yongo Tender, 16 Premier Touch (6th), Master Pokey, Ballad Dancer (5th) 25 B Grade, 33 Still Surprised, 66 Catherines Well. 16 ran. 2l, sh hd, 1½l, 2½l, 1½l. M Britten at Warthill. Tote £10 70; £2.0, £1 70, £3.20, £2.70 DF £75.30. CSF. £86.65. Tricast £542.60.

3.45 (1m) 1, MUDAFFAR (B Crossley, 7-1); 2, Sagebrush Roller (Dean McKeown, 11-8 fav), 3, Dawn Grey (J Bleasdale, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Tutraj (6th), 11 Bold Spark, 12 Valid Point (4th), 20 Quaker Sound, Phalarope, Nishcor, Richmond, Huso (5th), 25 Kamart, Hyssop, 33 In The Frame, Imayab. 15 ran. NR: Orchenda. 1½l, 5l, ½l, 1½l, hd. R Armstrong at Newmarket. Tote: £4 70; £1 80, £1.80, £6.20 DF £4.70. CSF: £16.05 Tricast £224 63.

4.15 (1m 1f) 1, PLATONIQUE (Dean McKeown, 5-2 fav), 2, Al Shareef (R Price, 16-1), 3, Diamond Path (D Nicholls, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Pelorus (6th), 11 Luzum, 14 Dr Bulasco (4th), Potter's Dream (5th), Feel Lettel, 16 Modest Hope, Rupples, 20 Acquisition, 25 Just For Kicks, Coral Flutter, 33 Unnamed, Natasha Nadine, Red Pencil, 50 Blue Grit. 17 ran. NR: Tinsde Espion. 1½l, 4l, 1½l, ½l, sh hd. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote £3.40; £1 70, £3.60, £2 10. DF £57 70. CSF £45 29.

4.45 (1m 4f 70yd) 1, DRINKS PARTY (A Proud, 7-2 jt fav); 2, Roberty Lea (J Fanning, 16-1), 3, Silbarn Stalker (J Lowe, 7-1), 4, Touching Times (S Maloney, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt fav In Truth (5th), 9 Nan's Boy, 10 Nanouette, 11 Cut The Music, Castle Merlin (6th), 12 Taple Al, 16 Al Sabak, Montberd, 20 One For The Chief, Lukk Akura, Givemeacall, 25 Polyplate, 33 Anderson Rose. 17 ran. 7l, 2½l, 2l, 7l, 8l. J Wharton at Melton Mowbray. Tote £4 60; £1.90, £3.80, £2.70, £2.70. DF: £223.80. CSF: £84.18. Tricast: £377.10.

5.15 (1m) 1, MELLABY (W R Swinburn, 15-8 fav, Michael Seely's nap); 2, Kazoo (Dean McKeown, 5-1), 3, Saint Ciel (B Raymond, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Miss Schweppes (5th), 8 Everglades (4th), 33 Trojan Envoy, 50 All Greek To Me, Colway Crown, Master Glen, Paulinus (6th), Auntie Nellie, Loch Garanne, Sabo's Girl, 100 Johnny Come Lately. 14 ran. 2l, 5l, 4l, 3l, 1½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote. £2.70; £1.80, £2.10, £1.30. DF: £5.90. CSF. £11.19.

Placepot: £39.30.

Taunton

Going: good

2.0 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Miss Eurolink (M Foster, 11-10 fav), 2, Falland (7-2), 3, They All Forgot Me (6-1). 13 ran. 2l, 2l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.20, £1.50, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £2.90. CSF: £5.64. Bought in 3,100gns.

2.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Siddle Alley (M Perrett, 7-4 jt-fav), 2, Poacher's Delight (66-1); 3, Swilly Express (12-1). Sailors Luck 7-4 jt-fav. 13 ran. NR: Smooth Style. 1½l, sh hd. S Mellor. Tote. £2.50; £1.30, £10.50, £2.20. DF (winner or 2nd with any other): £1.30. CSF: £95 13.

3.0 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Donosti (W McFarland, 14-1), 2, Final Crack (2-1 fav); 3, Drumstick (7-1). 15 ran. NR: Tapageur. 4l, 1½l. R Lee. Tote. £17.80; £3.40, £1.70, £2.10. DF: £24.50. CSF. £39 75. Tricast: £206.52.

3.30 (2m 3f ch) 1, Evening Rain (A Tory, 11-4 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Cleaning Up (10-1); 3, Time Star (7-1). 14 ran. 15l, 2l. R Hodges. Tote: £3.60; £1 80, £2 10, £3.10. DF: £5.80. CSF £28.38. Tricast: £161.09.

4.0 (3m ch) 1, Mister Ed (D Morris, 14-1); 2, Splitthedifference (9-1), 3, The Nigelstan (9-1). Sunny Slave 4-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: Moe Greene. Hd, 6l. R Curtis. Tote: £19.80; £4.80, £2 70, £3.00. DF: £68.60. CSF: £121.47. Tricast £1,091 17.

4.30 (2m 3f ch) 1, Tipping Tim (C Llewellyn, 9-2); 2, Country Dairy (14-1); 3, Alabaun (10-1). Prince Rambore 15-8 fav. 14 ran. 2l, hd. N Twiston-Davies. Tote £5 40; £2.00, £4 60, £2.90. DF: £48.70. CSF: £56.41. Tricast: £591.15

5.0 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Bush Hill (S Burrough, 20-1); 2, Woodside Heath (7-1), 3, Cheeky Fox (20-1). Magsood 3-1 fav. 14 ran. 10l, 1½l. G Ham. Tote £22.50; £7.40, £3.20, £4.80. DF: £111.10. CSF £145.84. Tricast. £2,574.06.

Placepot: £127.60.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

BEVERLEY

MANDARIN
2.00 Aldahe.
2.30 Daily Sport August.
3.00 Sense Of Priority.
3.30 Star Player.
4.00 Private Access.
4.30 BELLEFAN (nap).

THUNDERER
2.00 Regent Lad.
2.30 Daily Sport August.
3.00 Sense Of Priority.
3.30 Momser.
4.00 PRIVATE ACCESS (nap).
4.30 Broom Isle.

MICHAEL SEELY
3.00 Sense Of Priority.
4.30 GREEN LINE (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Flying Quest. 3.30 Momser. 4.30 BELLEFAN (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.0 WITHERNSEA HANDICAP (£3,531: 7f 110yd) (18 runners)

1 (1) 043400- DUCKINGTON 161 (F,G) (Lady Murless) M H Easterby 7-10-0 .... M Birch 90
2 (3) 26230-0 REGENT LAD 21 (CD,F,G) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 7-9-12 .... W R Swinburn 90
3 (4) 33/0-21 SHOUT OUT 28 (Dr C Stalling) C Nelson 4-9-11 .... J Reid 89
4 (9) 220330- CAUSLEY 188 (C,F,G,S) (H Pearce) B McMahon 6-9-11 .... B Raymond 89
5 (5) 0455-20 GOLDEN ANCONA 3 (BF,G,S) (The Racing Telegraph) M Brittain 8-9-3 .... P Sedgwick 92
6 (13) 240541- CLAUDIA MISS 179 (S) (W Haigh) W Haigh 4-9-0 .... Dean McKeown 89
7 (14) 5/35-6 PAR DE LUXE 16 (D Ford) B Murray 4-8-12 .... K Fallon 93
8 (16) 324200- NOTHING'S FREE 301 (Roldvale Ltd) M W Easterby 4-8-8 .... K Darley 91
9 (15) 0220-00 FIGHTING CHRISTINE 16 (D) (Hambleton Racing Plc) P Haslam 4-8-7 .... G Duffield 96
10 (7) 61004-4 ALDAHE 15 (CD,BF,F) (Portman Racing) B Millman 6-8-6 .... D Holland (5) 93
11 (6) 20040-0 MANSE KEY GOLD 13 (G,S) (S Radcliffe) R Bastiman 4-8-2 .... H Bastiman (7) 87
12 (8) 053280 VITE VITE 17 (F) (E Robinson) D Morrill 5-8-2 .... Paul Eddery 96
13 (12) 046-620 PIMSBOY 3 (B,F) (Coltax Window Systems Ltd) P Blockley 4-8-2 .... J Quinn 90
14 (2) 042114 SOBERING THOUGHTS 11 (B,BF) (Miss A Campion) D Chapman 5-7-10 .... S Wood (3) 89
15 (11) 0050/03- MISCHIEVOUS TYKE 326 (F,G) (D Tate) A Smith 5-7-8 .... J Lowe 81
16 (17) 6-13006 DANNY BLANCHFLOWER 11J (V,D) (J Evans) M Chapman 4-7-7 .... G Bardwell ● 99
17 (18) 00-3000 DEE AND EM 11J (F,G) (BCRJ Racing) M Chapman 6-7-7 .... N Kennedy (5) 85
18 (10) /58/00-0 MOST OF ALL 22 (H Rushworth) T Kersey 5-7-7 .... P Burke —

Long handicap: Danny Blanchflower 7-6, Dee And Em 7-3, Most Of All 7-2.

BETTING: 9-4 Shout Out, 100-30 Golden Ancona, 5-1 Claudia Miss, 7-1 Par De Luxe, 8-1 Aldahe, 10-1 Nothing's Free, 14-1 Regent Lad, 16-1 others.

1990: COOL ENOUGH 9-9-0 A Munro (4-6 fav) Mrs J Ramsden 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

REGENT LAD 15l 9th of 24 to Front Page at Doncaster (1m, good to soft). SHOUT OUT beat King's Ferdinand 2½l in Southwell (AW, 1m) maiden. CAUSLEY 3½l 3rd to Ned's Aura at Ayr (7f, soft) on penultimate start. GOLDEN ANCONA 15l 8th of 22 to Beecaby Boy at Pontefract (1m, good to soft) with PIMSBOY 14th; previously 1½l 2nd to Jungle Knife at Newcastle (1m, heavy). CLAUDIA MISS beat Mistress Monet a hd at Ayr (7f, heavy). PAR DE LUXE 2½l 6th of 18 to Too Eager at Catterick (7f, good to soft). ALDAHE 1¾l 4th of 18 to Sleepline Fantasy at Brighton (7f). PIMSBOY 3l 2nd to Honey Boy Simba at Carlisle (1m) on penultimate start with MANSE KEY GOLD 12l 10th. SOBERING THOUGHTS one paced 4l 4th of 15 to Henry's Coming at Warwick (5f, good).
Selection: GOLDEN ANCONA

2.30 SCARBOROUGH SPA SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,803: 5f) (16 runners)

1 (10) CHAMPAGNE BREAK (Mrs H Ellerby) M Ellerby 8-11 .... S Morris —
2 (1) FARHOLME LADS (C Kershaw) C Tinkler 8-11 .... P Burke —
3 (16) 5 KING OPTIMIST 21 (D Tate) A Smith 8-11 .... S Webster —
4 (4) MIDWEEK STORM (Mrs H Inskip) W Pearce 8-11 .... D Nicholls —
5 (11) 0 THE DOMINANT GENE 21 (Mrs V McGeough) J Wharton 8-11 .... J Williams —
6 (3) WILMOTTS (Sheriff Hutton Racing Club) M W Easterby 8-11 .... N Raymond —
7 (7) 0 CINQ CENT ROUGE 11 (Miss J Woosnam) W Musson 8-6 .... A Mackay —
8 (13) DAILY SPORT AUGUST (Roldvale Ltd) J Berry 8-6 .... J Carroll —
9 (12) FALLOWFIELD GIRL (F Ballard) M H Easterby 8-6 .... M Birch —
10 (6) 0 HAXBY LASS 21 (D Pike) M Brittain 8-6 .... A Munro —
11 (14) 3 LADY DOOLEY 17 (Mrs P Knowles) J Wharton 8-6 .... A Proud —
12 (9) NATIVE LASS (B Durkin & Alex Fennell) J Balding 8-6 .... J Lowe —
13 (15) NORTHUMBRIAN LADY (M M Racing Ltd) C Thornton 8-6 .... M Roberts —
14 (8) 4 PENISCOLA STAR 21 (A White) R Hollinshead 8-6 .... G Hind (5) —
15 (2) PEURTO DEL CARMEN (B Maher) N Tinkler 8-6 .... Kim Tinkler —
16 (5) RELATIVELY RISKY (G Turner) M W Easterby 8-6 .... K Darley —

BETTING: 7-2 Daily Sport August, 4-1 Peniscola Star, 5-1 King Optimist, 13-2 Lady Dooley, 8-1 Relatively Risky, 10-1 Cinq Cent Rouge, 12-1 Fallowfield Girl, Wilmotts, 16-1 others.

1990: LITTLE FLASHER 8-11 K Darley (6-4 fav) M W Easterby 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CINQ CENT ROUGE 8l 8th of 11 to Mighty-O in Warwick (5f, good) seller. FARHOLME LASS (foaled Mar 27, cost 4,000gns) half-brother by Balidar to Fit For Counsel, successful over 7f as a juvenile. WILMOTTS (Apr 23) by Petong out of a Welsh Pageant mare. DAILY SPORT AUGUST (Mar 27, 2,800gns) half-sister by Risk Me to multiple 1m winner Foolish Ways. FALLOWFIELD GIRL (Apr 19) full-sister to Benfen a winner over 5f as a juvenile. LADY DOOLEY 14l 3rd to Fort Hope in Leicester (5f, heavy) maiden. NATIVE LASS (Mar 21, 2,000gns) half-sister by Be My Native to winning hurdler Al Frolic. PENISCOLA STAR 11¾l 4th to subsequent scorer Certain Risk in Doncaster (5f, soft) seller with KING OPTIMIST ¾l 5th, HAXBY LASS 1l 7th and THE DOMINANT GENE 12th. RELATIVELY RISKY (Apr 16) half-sister by Risk Me to 5f winning juvenile Caress.
Selection: PENISCOLA STAR

3.0 HUTTON CRANSWICK MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,890: 5f) (20 runners)

1 (20) 5 AHURA 20 (A Booth) N Tinkler 8-13 .... Kim Tinkler —
2 (16) DANNY KANE (Mrs S Brook) C Tinkler 8-7 .... M Birch —
3 (13) GARDENBLAKE (P O'Donnell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-7 .... D Smith (5) —
4 (17) WHITTINGHAM (J Brown) J Berry 8-7 .... J Carroll —
5 (9) BLUNHAM EXPRESS (M Rozenbroek) T Fairhurst 8-5 .... J Fanning (5) —
6 (5) CHILL WIND (E Daley) N Bycroft 8-4 .... S Webster —
7 (2) FLYING QUEST (Mrs G Boss) R Boss 8-4 .... M Roberts —
8 (8) 0 GABES 10 (J Etherton) J Payne 8-4 .... A Munro —
9 (12) QUALITAIR ROYAL (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 8-4 .... N Kennedy (5) —
10 (7) 2 SENSE OF PRIORITY 11 (BF) (P Savill) M H Easterby 8-4 .... K Darley —
11 (18) 5 TREE OWL 13 (N Hertes) M Ellerby 8-4 .... S Morris —
12 (19) VENTURE FOURTH (V Minnis) B McMahon 8-4 .... W Carson —
13 (1) BRANSTON ABBY (J Abell) M W Easterby 8-2 .... G Duffield —
14 (6) JESTER'S GEM (M Foxton) B Murray 7-13 .... P Burke —
15 (10) KADARI (J Rookes) A Harrison 7-13 .... K Fallon —
16 (3) MAGGIE'S SONG (Sheriff Hutton Racing Club) M W Easterby 7-13 .... L Charnock —
17 (11) 5 MIDNIGHT VIOLET 11 (A Poole) W G M Turner 7-13 .... S Hawkes (7) —
18 (4) RYTHMIC STYLE (Mrs E Shaw) T Barron 7-13 .... T Williams —
19 (14) SPLENDIDLY BOLD (Mrs J Mountifield) M H Easterby 7-13 .... J Lowe —
20 (15) SWANSIDE (Sheriff Hutton Racing Club) M W Easterby 7-13 .... — —

BETTING: 11-4 Sense Of Priority, 7-2 Whittingham, 9-2 Venture Fourth, 5-1 Ahura 6-1 Midnight Violet, 14-1 Gabes, Tree Owl, 16-1 others.

1990: MARIA GRAZIA 8-4 L Dettori (13-2) R Boss 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

AHURA 11½l 5th of 7 to subsequent scorer Paris House in Doncaster (5f, soft) maiden. WHITTINGHAM (Mar 20, 5,400gns) half-brother by Fayruz to multiple 5f winner Restless Rhapsody. GABES 8l 7th of 8 to Try Leguard in Warwick (5f, good) maiden. QUALITAIR ROYAL (Mar 22, 3,000gns) half-brother by Balm to dual 6f winning juvenile Qualitair Royal. SENSE OF PRIORITY 2½l 2nd to Threepence in Newcastle (5f, heavy) maiden. TREE OWL 8½l 8th of 11 to Diamond Mine in Carlisle (5f, good) maiden. VENTURE FORTH (Jun 10, 2,000gns) half-brother by Hotfoot to Causley, a multiple winner up to 1m. BRANSTON ABBY (Apr 28, 6,000gns) half-brother by Risk Me to dual winning juvenile Big Blow. KADARI (Feb 11, 3,000gns) half-brother by Commanche Run to middle-distance winner Muse. MIDNIGHT VIOLET 9½l 5th to Central City at Kempton (5f, good).
Selection: SENSE OF PRIORITY

3.30 BRIDLINGTON BAY MAIDEN STAKES (£2,803: 2m 40yd) (22 runners)

1 (9) 065256- AMBUSCADE 10J (Mrs L Firth) G Moore 5-9-4 .... W Newnes 80
2 (20) 564/ COLONEL POPSKI 321J (Mrs R Cawood) Miss G Rees 9-9-4 .... S Webster —
3 (7) 02000-0 GRACE CARD 20 (G Farndon) R Hollinshead 5-9-4 .... W R Swinburn 76
4 (21) 06002/ HUTNER 11J (Exors of the late Mr R Dods) M Dods 5-9-4 .... L Charnock —
5 (22) MIRANDINHA 38J (B) (M Jones) B Ellison 7-9-4 .... A Munro —
6 (12) 06025-5 MOMSER 11J (BF) (M Baxter Ltd) M Ryan 5-9-4 .... W Carson 79
7 (14) 05 SANTARAY 10 (S Taberner) J Mackie 5-9-4 .... M Birch 81
8 (1) 2/2 STAR PLAYER 20 (Kingsley Holidays Ltd) J Baker 5-9-4 .... L Dettori 98
9 (19) 406/452- SUREST DANCER 11J (V) (W Barker) W Barker 6-9-4 .... Dean McKeown 73
10 (15) 00/0/00- THARSIS 11J (D Drury) W Bentley 6-9-4 .... K Fallon —
11 (11) 00300-5 BANTON LOCH 9 (V) (R Young) C Tinkler 4-9-0 .... G Duffield 82
12 (5) 02500-0 DERAILED 18 (B) (A Richards) C Austin 4-9-0 .... K Darley —
13 (4) 65- DUTCH BLUES 10J (B Pratt) Mrs S Austin 4-9-0 .... J Lowe 82
14 (8) EMERALD VENTURE 7J (J Simmons) T Caldwell 4-9-0 .... M Wood —
15 (6) 00202- GOLDEN DIVOT 248 (Mrs J Frew) D Morrill 4-9-0 .... Paul Eddery 85
16 (2) 0- GRIS ET VIOLET 27J (C Longstaff) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-0 .... D Smith (5) —
17 (3) 50- LE JOUEUR 15J (Mrs A Porter) Mrs P Barker 4-9-0 .... D Nicholls 84
18 (13) 20-204 TAROUDANT 23 (G Farndon) R Hollinshead 4-9-0 .... S Perks ● 99
19 (16) 0 WHITE FEN 20 (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 4-9-0 .... J Reid —
20 (18) ARCTIC OATS 11J (R Dineen) W Haigh 6-8-13 .... R Cochrane —
21 (17) 03/0- MAID MARINER 314J (Mrs J Worthington) Miss G Rees 9-8-13 .... J Williams —
22 (10) 52-0 WESAYEM 8 (Mrs D Arnott) R Stubbs 4-8-9 .... E Guest 97

BETTING: 7-2 Star Player, 9-2 Surest Dancer, 13-2 Ambuscade, 7-1 Dutch Blues, 8-1 Golden Divot, 10-1 Santaray, Taroudant, 14-1 Wesayem, 16-1 White Fen, 20-1 others.

1990: GOLDEN SCISSORS 4-8-8 J Reid (4-1) M Channon 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMBUSCADE weakened from 3f out to finish 18l 8th to Highflying at York (1m 6f, good to firm). HUTNER nk 2nd to Height of Folly at Doncaster (2m, good to firm). MOMSER 11l 5th to Celtic Bob at Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f). SANTARAY 13l 5th to Mesleh at Warwick (1m 2f 170yd, good). STAR PLAYER 3½l 2nd of 18 to Native Mission at Doncaster (1m 6f 127yd, good to soft) with WHITE FEN (1lb better off) 36l 7th. GRACE CARD (same terms) 2l 9th and SANTARAY (same terms) well beaten 14th. SUREST DANCER 1½l 2nd to Bluff Cove in handicap at Pontefract (2m 2f, firm). EMERALD VENTURE 25l 7th of 16 behind Dual Image in National Hunt Flat race at Liverpool (2m, good to soft).
Selection: STAR PLAYER (nap)

4.0 LECONFIELD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,673: 7f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 (8) 4 ADMIRALS SEAT 21 (N De Savary) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 .... Dean McKeown 85
2 (6) 23-24 ARABIAN KING 13 (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-0 .... K Darley 84
3 (4) GOLDEN CHIP (A Jackson) A Stringer 9-0 .... D Nicholls —
4 (3) 0 KING OF CHANCE 13 (N De Savary) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 .... M McAndrew 67
5 (9) 0 MAPATO 20 (P Jacobs) N Graham 9-0 .... A Munro —
6 (2) PASADENA PET (D Russell) J Fanshawe 9-0 .... W R Swinburn —
7 (1) 42- PRIVATE ACCESS 199 (BF) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0 .... R Cochrane ● 99
8 (5) 00- THE WADKIN 174 (T Mulrooney) A Smith 9-0 .... S Webster —
9 (7) 0300-5 VICTORIA ROAD 11 (T Bennett) M H Easterby 9-0 .... M Birch 82

BETTING: 6-4 Private Access, 11-4 Pasadena Pet, 4-1 Admirals Seat, 8-1 Arabian King, 14-1 Victoria Road, 20-1 Kind Of Chance, 25-1 others.

1990: KING'S SHILLING 9-0 S Cauthen (10-11 fav) I Balding 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ADMIRALS SEAT 5½l 4th to Collins Avenue at Doncaster (1m, soft). ARABIAN KING running-on 4l 4th to Gymcrak Premiere at Carlisle (6f, good) with KING OF CHANCE (same terms) 6l 8th. MAPATO well beaten 10th of 11 behind Bandol at Doncaster (7f, soft). PRIVATE ACCESS running-on 3l 4th to Jahafil at Doncaster (7f, good), subsequently nk 2nd to Mss Simplicity at Kempton (1m, good). VICTORIA ROAD 8l 5th to Bowden Boy at Nottingham (6f).
Selection: PRIVATE ACCESS

4.30 HORNSEA MERE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,947: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1 (6) 23221-2 MAGIC SECRET 13 (BF,S) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 9-7 .... B Raymond 90
2 (9) 20112- WESTHOLME 164 (BF,F) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 9-6 .... M Birch 84
3 (3) 031- NASAB 192 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 9-5 .... G Hind (3) 84
4 (12) 01006- GREEN LANE 185 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-5 .... S O'Gorman (5) 84
5 (8) 3214- BROOM ISLE 248 (F) (Lord Bolton) J Watts 9-4 .... Dean McKeown 81
6 (14) 31- NUNIVAK 185 (F) (Mrs E Moran) A Stewart 9-4 .... M Roberts 84
7 (4) 3221- PRICELESS BOND 177 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 9-2 .... W R Swinburn 84
8 (13) 54353-5 CAROLE'S KING 13 (F) (Mrs C Viney) W Carter 9-2 .... T Williams 87
9 (7) 5540-1 BELLEFAN 13 (D,G) (Hambleton Thoroughbred Racing 1989 Plc) M Bell 8-13 .... M Hills ● 99
10 (10) 000- MOONJID 170 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 7-13 .... W Carson 93
11 (11) 350-0 KRONPRINZ 91 (A Jackson) A Stringer 7-13 .... A Munro 56
12 (1) 3000- HARBOUR KNIGHT 171 (F Sing Chuen Lui) J Eustace 7-13 .... J Quinn 85
13 (2) 0000- BOLGHERI 178 (Don Enrico Incisa) Don Enrico Incisa 7-7 .... Kim Tinkler —
14 (5) 000- MISTER GOFF 154 (P & M Syndicate) S Norton 7-7 .... N Kennedy (5) —

Long handicap: Mister Goff 7-5.

BETTING: 5-2 Bellefan, 4-1 Nunivak, 6-1 Nasab, Priceless Bond, 8-1 Westholme, 10-1 Broom Isle, Moonjid, 12-1 others.

1990: DARING TIMES 5-9-2 A Munro (7-4 fav) Mrs J Ramsden 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAGIC SECRET beat Crimson Cloud 7l in maiden at Hamilton (1m 40yd, good to soft). WESTHOLME nk 2nd to Westfield Moves in nursery at Redcar (1m, good); previously beat Worldbeta a sh hd in nursery at York (7f, good to firm). NASAB beat Thibaain 1l in maiden at Newcastle (1m, good) with BOLGHERI (28lb better off) 16th. GREEN LANE 3l 6th of 22 to Take Two in nursery at Warwick (1m, good to firm); previously made all to beat Gold Law a nk at Chepstow (1m, good to firm). BROOM ISLE 3½ 4th to Panama Pete in nursery at Redcar (7f, firm); previously beat Mardessa 1½l at Ayr (7f, firm). NUNIVAK beat Memorive 1l in maiden at Redcar (7f, good to firm). PRICELESS BOND beat Seal Indigo ½l at Wolverhampton (1m 1f, good to firm). BELLEFAN beat MAGIC SECRET (12lb better off) 12l at Kempton (1m 2f) with CAROLE'S KING (19lb better off) 8l 5th.
Selection: GREEN LANE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
I Balding	10	44	22.7	L Dettori	6	17	35.3
W Musson	3	15	20.0	J Reid	11	50	22.0
B Hanbury	6	33	18.2	R Cochrane	18	100	18.0
R Boss	6	34	17.6	W Carson	4	23	17.4
Mrs J Ramsden	5	31	16.1	N Kennedy	3	18	16.7
A Stewart	4	25	16.0	W R Swinburn	11	70	15.7

Shoemaker above alcohol limit

BILL Shoemaker had a blood-alcohol content more than one-and-a-half times the legal limit when crashing his car on Monday, according to an officer of the California Highway Patrol.

Although the police had originally said that the result of the blood test carried out on Shoemaker would not be available for a fortnight, the police believe that he was over the limit.

An accident report was due to be filed last night after which prosecutors would decide whether to level charges. Doctors at Centinela Medical Centre declined to release any further news on Shoemaker's condition at the family's request.

WINCANTON

MANDARIN
2.15 Great Mill.
2.45 Barkisland.
3.15 Greenwine.
3.45 Mulloch Brae.
4.15 Beresfords Girl.
4.45 Panto Prince.
5.15 Dagaz.

THUNDERER
2.15 Silvie.
2.45 Melicus.
3.15 Great Aspect.
3.45 Mulloch Brae.
4.15 Beresfords Girl.
4.45 Panto Prince.
5.15 Tricky Times.

MICHAEL SEELY
2.45 Melicus.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 G W SUPERSTAR.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.15 SOMERTON NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,689: 2m 6f) (12 runners)

1 021246 GREAT MILL 13 (B,BF,F) (Mrs H Duffey) K Bailey 11-2 .... I Lawrence ● 99
2 612P3 KINO 11 (S) (R Bassett) S Sherwood 11-2 .... A S Smith (5) 90
3 PF2556 CHRISTIAN SOLDIER 50 (R Bennett) R Bennett 10-10 .... Lee O'Hara (7) 71
4 6P ELWADI 11 (V) (Orchid Racing) M Usher 10-10 .... C Cox —
5 5320U FAR TOO LOUD 11 (B) (B Yard) N Gaselee 10-10 .... A Adams 90
6 65042 HAWWAR 11 (The Chasers) Mrs A King 10-10 .... S Earle 84
7 55 LUCKY OLE SON 7 (D Brace) P Hobbs 10-10 .... G McCourt 68
8 0 TAMARPOUR 20 (Mrs A Ferrant) M Pipe 10-10 .... P Scudamore —
9 5052 YASLOU 25 (M Francis) M Francis 10-10 .... M Richards 90
10 0542P3 BARRICA 13 (Mrs A Chapman) D Nicholson 10-5 .... R Dunwoody 92
11 62043 SILVIE 21 (Kingsley Holidays Ltd) J Baker 10-5 .... S Burrough (5) 92
12 000 WESTLODGE LASS 15 (E George) N Thomson 10-5 .... — —

BETTING: 2-1 Great Mill, 4-1 Kino, 6-1 Far Too Loud, 8-1 Tamarpour, 10-1 Barrica, Silvie, 12-1 Yaslou, 14-1 Christian Soldier, 16-1 others.

1990: COCKSTOWN LAD 10-10 L Harvey (9-2) R Akehurst 7 ran

2.45 CORTON DENHAM NOVICES CHASE (£2,440: 2m) (11 runners)

1 605-2P1 BARKISLAND 13 (D,S) (J Veitch) J Edwards 7-11-10 .... N Williamson 81
2 22/P31U UNIQUE NEW YORK 32 (D,S) (J Bolam) S Woodman 8-11-10 .... R Dunwoody 88
3 36-124F WILDWOOD MOSS 7 (F) (S Dear) Mrs S Williams 12-11-5 .... — 70
4 15111/P ANTI MATTER 13 (F,G,S) (BF) (T Few) M Pipe 6-11-3 .... P Scudamore —
5 02F2P3 INDIAN MINOR 11 (T Pocock) R Pocock 7-11-3 .... P Richards 90
6 P6-52 MELICUS 13 (BF) (Mrs M Gordon-Watson) C Brooks 6-11-3 .... B de Haan 98
7 0050 POWDER BOY 15 (D Hurford) Miss J Thorne 6-11-3 .... N Dawe —
8 S/6/035 SARACEN 13 (F,G) (Mrs L Taylor) Mrs L Taylor 11-11-3 .... NON-RUNNER —
9 0200-P0 SICILIAN SWING 50 (J Bulman) Mrs S Williams 6-11-3 .... — —
10 UU3252 TILDEBO 11 (F,G,S) (Mrs D Blackburn) J Webber 7-11-3 .... M Field (7) ● 99
11 14/1-552 LYNEMORE 11 (F,G,S) (Lady Cadogan) T Forster 9-10-12 .... C Llewellyn 90

BETTING: 11-4 Unique New York, 4-1 Barkisland, Anti Matter, 6-1 Melicus, 8-1 Lynemore, 12-1 Indian Minor, 14-1 Wildwood Moss, 16-1 others.

1990: MINIM 7-11-2 B Powell (4-1) D Elsworth 8 ran

3.15 QUANTOCK HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,532: 2m) (14 runners)

1 64100B VA LUTE 9 (CD,BF,F,S) (Castle Farm Stud) R Holder 7-12-0 .... N Mann 90
2 5-00550 FOUJITA 46 (D,F,G,S) (B Winfield) Miss S Wilton 6-11-8 .... — 84
3 011-30P ANOTHER FREE 34 (D,F,G) (The Chasers) Mrs A King 9-11-4 .... E Earle —
4 00311-0 ATIG 9 (D,F,G) (M Pearce) G Balding 8-11-3 .... R Guest 85
5 1/0-F053 GREAT ASPECT 27 (D,F,S) (G Roberts) K White 7-11-0 .... D Bridgwater (6) 84
6 111-424 BY LINE 81 (D,BF,F) (Mrs S Smart) Mrs F Walwyn 7-10-13 .... K Mooney 89
7 311112 SPORTING IDOL 11 (D) (J Warren) C Popham 8-10-12 .... S Donohoe 90
8 42PR01 MENINGI 11 (D,F,G,S) (H Perry) Mrs H Parrott 10-10-10 (7ex) .... D Leahy (7) 86
9 023/505- ROYAL SHEPHERD 463 (D,F,S) (Mrs G Balding) M McNeill 9-10-9 .... S Hodgson (5) 91
10 250/634 BLANTON RESERVE 43 (D,BF,F,S) (J Collins) N Henderson 7-10-9 .... R Dunwoody 96
11 14-6302 HATS HIGH 9 (B,D,S) (Mrs J Gray) F Gray 6-10-6 .... M Crosse ● 99
12 00P/042 MUSIC WONDER 11 (CD,S) (E Carnell) N Mitchell 10-10-6 .... Martin Jones (3) 97
13 50501 GREENWINE 11 (B,CD,F) (A Morton) P Bailey 5-10-5 (7ex) .... M Richards 85
14 66-042 BLICO 13 (S Pike) S Pike 7-10-0 .... C Maude (3) 89

Long handicap: Blico 9-6.

BETTING: 4-1 Hats High, 9-2 Blanton Reserve, 15-2 Va Lute, Foujita, 8-1 Music Wonder, 10-1 Atig, Sporting Idol, 12-1 Greenwine, 14-1 By Line, 16-1 others.

1990: MURPHY 6-10-7 M Richards (10-11 fav) O Sherwood 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Pipe	28	126	22.2	P Scudamore	27	130	20.8
D Nicholson	18	85	21.2	N Mann	4	20	20.0
D Elsworth	35	166	21.1	R Dunwoody	30	158	19.0
C Brooks	5	24	20.8	B de Haan	13	70	18.6
O Sherwood	10	55	18.2	J Osborne	8	49	16.3
J Edwards	4	26	15.4	K Mooney	15	96	15.6

3.45 HAMILTON LITESTAT YOUNG PRETENDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,500: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

1 115P-00 POLYFEMUS 78 (F,G) (A Staple) C Popham 9-12-0 .... C Grant 94
2 531353 LAST HOUSE 13 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Easton) Mrs M Easton 8-11-12 .... S Hodgson (5) 88
3 11FF31 MAYORAN 11 (V,D,F,G,S) (Lord Clinton) D Barons 7-11-9 (5ex) .... N Hawke 80
4 11221F LAUDERDALE LAD 17 (CD,F,S) (Hills Of Swindon) J King 9-10-7 .... P Scudamore ● 99
5 FF3111 MULLOCH BRAE 13 (D,F,S) (P Lowe) D Nicholson 7-10-7 .... R Dunwoody 98
6 R3428P SENATOR OF ROME 30 (BF,F) (H McCall) G Balding 8-10-7 .... Mr S Mullins 97
7 04PPP4 POP SONG 11 (S) (G Roe) G Roe 7-10-7 .... A S Smith (5) —

Long handicap: Lauderdale Lad 10-6, Mulloch Brae 10-6, Senator Of Rome 10-5, Pop Song 8-7.

BETTING: 9-4 Mulloch Brae, 5-2 Lauderdale Lad, 9-2 Senator Of Rome, 7-1 Polyfemus, 10-1 Mayoran, 14-1 Last House, 33-1 Pop Song.

1990: LOCKWOOD PRINCE 7-11-6 J Frost (10-1) R Frost 5 ran

4.15 RANVET MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,547: 2m 6f) (23 runners)

1 06-1455 BERESFORDS GIRL 20 (CD,F) (Beresford Mills) R Holder 6-11-6 .... N Mann 90
2 235361 BETTY HAYES 27 (S) (R Alner) R Alner 7-11-6 .... Mr R Alner 92
3 26-561 SHERZINE 11 (G) (M Hill) Mrs J Retter 5-11-6 .... M A Fitzgerald (7) 64
4 004136 SNOWY AUTUMN 20 (D) (D Sharpe) J Old 7-11-6 .... C Llewellyn 72
5 15P BINNY GROVE 44 (G) (Miss J Cunningham) P Hobbs 5-11-0 .... S Earle 71
6 603253 GRAY'S ELLERGY 20 (W Dore) D Gandolfo 5-11-0 .... R Dunwoody 92
7 460-22F G W SUPERSTAR 27 (Great Western Ltd) R Akehurst 8-11-0 .... P Scudamore ● 99
8 3-40P66 HASTY SALVO 28 (Business Forms Express) K Bishop 7-11-0 .... — 69
9 F-F0P04 HI BOOTS 20 (Mrs R Wilson) P Jones 6-11-0 .... C Grant 80
10 050-550 LIZZIES LASS 39 (Mrs L Creber) F Gray 6-11-0 .... M Crosse 71
11 585 MANDALAY MISS 99 (Major-Gen R Burges) P Bailey 5-11-0 .... M Richards 80
12 05P MOSSY FERN 41 (R Waters) O Sherwood 5-11-0 .... A S Smith (5) 82
13 30P NEEDWOOD FOREST 41 (Needwood Racing Ltd) B Morgan 6-11-0 .... — 68
14 0-P NO EXPECTATIONS 8 (I Dunbar) K Bailey 5-11-0 .... S McNeill —
15 00P PENIARTH 11 (P Davenport) Mrs N Sharpe 5-11-0 .... — —
16 40 QUIET DAWN 92 (M O'Connor) J King 5-11-0 .... — —
17 00 RIVER ASH 9 (Mrs F Harvey) G Balding 6-11-0 .... R Guest —
18 P SETON LODGE LADY 50 (G Edwards) G Edwards 8-11-0 .... — —
19 00F-0P SUN PEARL 24 (W Tyrwhitt-Drake) J Gifford 6-11-0 .... E Murphy 65
20 P0 WOODGRADE LASS 13 (Woodgrade Ltd) N Ayliffe 5-11-0 .... P Davies (7) —
21 3-0PU0P YORK STREET 7 (Kingsley Holidays Ltd) J Baker 6-11-0 .... S Burrough (5) 86
22 P0 SIMPLY SPIM 11 (A Elliott) D Jermy 4-10-7 .... R Arnott —
23 4042 WELL AND TRULY 45 (Dubarce-Mitholland) C C Elsey 4-10-7 .... A S Smith (5) 87

BETTING: 9-4 G W Superstar, 11-2 Betty Hayes, 7-1 Beresfords Girl, 8-1 Hi Boots, 10-1 Mossy Fern, 14-1 Gray's Ellergy, 20-1 Sherzine, Snowy Autumn, Well And Truly, 25-1 others.

1990: PONTEVECCHIO NOTTE 5-10-10 C Dempsey (13-8 fav) W G Turner 10 ran

4.45 WEST COUNTRY VETERANS CHASE (£3,947: 2m 5f) (8 runners)

1 14P135 PANTO PRINCE 48 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs L Warren) C Popham 10-12-0 .... C Grant ● 99
2 3-36124 CLARA MOUNTAIN 34 (F,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 12-11-2 .... C Llewellyn 95
3 323-34P DUNSTALL 11 (D,F,G,S) (J Drewry) B Morgan 14-10-12 .... — 53
4 P/PPP-P EVEN WAVES 15 (N Blatchley) N Blatchley 10-10-12 .... R Guest —
5 453-043 GLEN RIDGE 90 (S) (Unity Farm Ltd) R Holder 10-10-12 .... N Mann 50
6 4P/U684 KNOCK HILL 9 (F,G,S) (P Thompson) J Webber 15-10-12 .... M Field (7) 64
7 F-32225 PRIDEAUX BOY 111 (C,F,G,S) (Roach Foods Ltd) C Roach 13-10-12 .... A Webb 83
8 21212-P CHERRY FIELD 50 (F,G,S) (J Kendall) P Hobbs 12-10-11 .... C Maude (5) 83

BETTING: 11-8 Panto Prince, 9-2 Clara Mountain, Cherry Field, 8-1 Prideaux Boy, 12-1 Knock Hill, 20-1 Dunstall, 25-1 Glen Ridge, 100-1 Even Waves.

1990: HIGHWAY EXPRESS 9-11-2 G McCourt (1-4 fav) R Hodges 3 ran

5.15 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£2,101: 2m) (21 runners)

1 0 BOLD BARNEY 20 (Mrs A Steel) M Robinson 5-11-8 .... Mr K Comerford (7) —
2 2 DAGAZ 49 (D Jones) J Edwards 5-11-8 .... Mr R Davis (7) —
3 DERISTONE (G Davies) M Davies 6-11-8 .... — —
4 HYACINTH'S BOY (Roe Racing Ltd) Graeme Roe 6-11-8 .... W Marston (7) —
5 LOMOND EXPRESS (D Jones) H Willis 5-11-8 .... D O'Sullivan (5) —
6 4 OLD BRIG 34 (D Jenks) M Pipe 5-11-8 .... M Foster (5) —
7 POTEASY (E Crow) G Balding 5-11-8 .... Mr A Crow (7) —
8 0 REGENT SON 20 (Mrs M Simpson) B Millman 5-11-8 .... R Macnelce (7) —
9 0 SUN BALLAD 34 (Mrs H Macfarlane) D Elsworth 6-11-8 .... — —
10 CRUISE LADY (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs J Retter 5-11-3 .... M A Fitzgerald (7) —
11 FACTS AND FIGURES (M McNeill) M McNeill 6-11-3 .... — —
12 0 MIDDAY MONDAY 6 (Mrs K Dare) P Leach 5-11-3 .... — —
13 PENTLOWS (H Hodge) H Hodge 5-11-3 .... Mr S R Andrews (3) —
14 2 AAL EL AAL 6 (O Zawawi) P Hobbs 4-11-2 .... C Maude (3) —
15 0 COUNTY CONTRACTOR 48 (R Heathman Ltd) C Popham 4-11-2 .... S Donohoe (5) —
16 KIKIS (C Kyriakou) J Moore 4-11-2 .... — —
17 MR MULKEEN (T Mulkeen) G Jones 4-11-2 .... — —
18 0 OCTOBER PARKER 48 (B Seal) Mrs L Clay 4-11-2 .... A S Smith (5) —
19 BLAKE'S FINESSE (R Alner) R Alner 4-10-11 .... B Clifford (7) —
20 LANGLANDS LADY (G Balding) G Balding 4-10-11 .... R Farmer (7) —
21 TRICKY TIMES (M Pope) G Harwood 4-10-11 .... Miss A Harwood —

BETTING: 5-2 Old Brig, 11-4 Dagaz, 11-2 Aal El Aal, 8-1 Poteasy, 10-1 Sun Ballad, 12-1 Tricky Times, 14-1 Langlands Lady, 16-1 others.

1990: WESSEX WARRIOR 4-10-13 P Holley (5-2 fav) M Channon 9 ran

RACING

Jockey Club to pursue dope case

By GEORGE RAE

THE Jockey Club is to take over from the police the investigation into the doping of three horses last season. Officers from the security department will assume responsibility for enquires following the decision of the Crown Prosecution Service not to proceed against Dermot Browne, the former jockey and trainer.

Browne was questioned by Doncaster CID in connection with the doping of Bravefoot and Norwich at last year's St Leger meeting, and Flying Diva at Yarmouth a week later. The three were discovered to have been drugged with a quick-acting *tranquilizer*

Detective Chief Inspector Alan Simpson said yesterday: "We took the investigation as far as we could. We sent the relevant papers to the Director of Public Prosecutions but the decision was made to take no further action. However, the case remains open and we will continue should we receive further information."

David Pipe, the Jockey Club's director of public affairs, said: "Our officers play everything close to their chests but there were a number of leads at the time and they have quite a lot to work on. Whether they can get to the bottom of this we shall have to see."

☐ Jockey Sean Woods was yesterday fined £400 by the Jockey Club for his riding of Cosmic Dancer at Southwell in February.

Boutin's colt wins in style

HECTOR Protector made an impressive seasonal debut when beating Acteur Francais by two *lengths in the* 20,367 *Prix de* Fontainebleau at Longchamp yesterday (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

The 5-1 on favourite was sent on by Freddie Head a furlong and a half out to win emphatically. Trainer Francois Boutin said: "We now go for the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas)." Boutin is not yet prepared to think about the Derby, although he said that he expected Hector Protector to stay further.

Lycius (Steve Cauthen) reappears in the Prix Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte today. The Mr Prospector colt pleased Andre *Fabre in his recent work* and looks too strong for fellow 2,000 Guineas hopefuls Ganges and Orage Noir.

In the Prix Imprudence, Criquette Head runs her 1,000 Guineas challenger Divine Danse, but the filly, who suffered a hairline fracture of her near-fore last October, is expected to need the outing.

Brian Clarke casts a critical eye over fishing in the Falklands and finds the hype justified by a heavenly vision

Glorious isolation: Clarke sets up his rod at San Carlos Bay, where the conditions provide anglers with remarkable opportunities in spite of the weather

Hooked in a true Garden of Eden

Sixty-odd years ago the great angling writer, G. E. M. Skues, painted his vision of hell. He and Theodore Castwell die and then awaken to an idyllic trout stream in a place of stunning beauty.

Castwell jumped to the obvious conclusion and reached delightedly for his fly rod. Only when he began to fish did he realise that he had been condemned to catch identical trout of 2lb exactly, at every cast, for ever.

I have just come close to achieving my own vision of hell. It is to arrive beside idyllic streams in a place of stunning beauty and to be surrounded by sea trout running far in excess of 2lb, only to have them swim just out of reach, for ever.

I had wanted to go to the Falkland Islands ever since I had read the literature. There is not a lot of it, extending to no more than a few articles in the fishing magazines and advertising which has highlighted the good bits.

Even so, what has appeared over *the last few years has put the* Falklands on the *international* fly fishing circuit in a very short time.

It seemed that the islands provided the finest sea trout fishing in the world. The fish were extraordinarily consistent, coming to the fly in low water and high. They were so large that you needed to do press-ups and weight-training before taking them on.

Anyone who knows anything about sea trout fishing knows that this indeed is a vision of heaven. Sea trout are not common fish, and are getting rarer by the day. They tend to run small, and a two-pounder is a nice one. They are notoriously unpredictable and weather-dependent.

I arrived in the Falklands in a drought. Anyone who knows anything about sea trout fishing understands the hellish implications of this. The sea trout, like the salmon, is born in a river, migrates to the sea to grow large and fat, then returns to the river to spawn and continue the cycle. But a drought means no water in the rivers for the fish to swim back in. And so no rain equals no water, equals no fish, equals no fishing.

I ended up fishing six days for three fish, two of them taken from an estuary in which the frustrated sea trout teemed and shoaled, *awaiting the rains. On the seventh* fishing day a 60-knot wind howled around the corner from Cape Horn and blasted me from the river. Back at the fishing lodge, 8,000 miles from home, I reached down a book. Castwell's bleak fate stared me full in the eye. It was the *coup de grâce*.

But three days before I was due to come home, it began to rain. It rained all day, and it rained most of the night. Then the rain stopped. And so, on the eighth fishing day, my companions and I headed for the river. It was in spectacular order.

In the broad pool beneath the place where two rivers met, a dark back broke the surface. There was a heavy splosh close to the distant bank. Arrow heads drove *through the shallows. The* sea trout were running at last, forcing their way upstream with an elemental, pent-up urgency.

I ended with 12 fish, all to the fly. They included a brace at around 5lb, a brace at around 7lb, and there was, just as the last light ebbed and the clouds smouldered on the distant hills, a stupendous rod-wrenching silver sea trout of 11lb. On an 8lb leader and in full water, it was the day — and the fish — of a lifetime.

Next day, drunk on enthusiasm, we returned. But it was back to *porridge. The river had fallen too far, and six of us worked hard, all* day, for seven modest fish.

So what to make of it, this newcomer to the international fly fishing circuit?

There are several points to be made. The first is that river sea trout fishing in the Falklands is every bit as vulnerable to the weather as is sea trout fishing in rivers everywhere else.

Second, the islands clearly provide stunning river fishing if the water is right. While it would be a brave or single-minded angler who went to the Falkland Islands with nothing else in his plans, there really is the possibility of the day, the week, even the fortnight of a lifetime.

Third, the *islanders* appear to be missing a great trick in concentrating all energies on their rivers. If the sea trout are not in the rivers, they must be in the beautiful, mainly narrow, loch-like estuaries and bays (indeed, it was in San Carlos Bay, site of the main British landings in the Falklands War, that I caught two of my own fish). These inlets, filling each tide with feeding fish, could provide the islanders, and visiting anglers, with remarkable sea trout fishing that is quite independent of the rainfall. But only if properly exploited.

Tide tables need to be compiled for each main river mouth and creek; the paths of the sea trout in and out of them, on different types of tide at different times of the season, need to be noted and plotted; boats need to be made available so that the visible shoals of sea trout, marauding and slashing at the krill and the herring, can be reached and followed; and access to virtually all the fishing (there are no roads inland from Stanley, at all) needs significantly to be improved. Overall, it would in my view be self-deprivation for anyone remotely interested in the wider outdoors to go to a place as remarkable as the Falklands for the fishing alone (and most certainly, I did not).

They are *bleak* and windswept islands, it is true. But they are remote from man and most of his doings. There are stunning and unspoiled views wherever the eye turns. There is a liberating sense of space. You can drink the water from the springs and eat the mussels from the seashore. There is an innocence about the wild creatures that is in every sense touching.

Indeed, there genuinely were times, when completely alone with the earth as God had made it and with wild animals and birds that *have learned no fear, that I felt in some Garden of Eden that man*kind had passed by.

And it *is* amid all of this that the sea trout, huge sea trout, at least sometimes run.

Wherever Castwell airs his lonely rod, it is not here.

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By NICHOLAS H

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FIXTURES FOR THE 1991 CRICKET SEASON

April

13-FIRST-CLASS MATCHES (three days)
*Fenner's: Cambridge University v Lancashire
The Parks: Oxford University v Hampshire
16-FIRST-CLASS MATCHES
Lord's: MCC v Middlesex (four days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Northamptonshire (three days)
17-FIRST-CLASS MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Glamorgan
19-FIRST-CLASS MATCH (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Essex
21-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Northamptonshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Middlesex
Southampton: Hampshire v Yorkshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Derbyshire
The Oval: Surrey v Somerset
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Sussex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Kent
23-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Combined Universities
Taunton: Somerset v Middlesex
The Oval: Surrey v Essex
Canterbury: Kent v Leicestershire
Forfar: Scotland v Lancashire
Southampton: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire
Trowbridge: Minor Counties v Glamorgan
25-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Worcester: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire
The Parks: Combined Universities v Derbyshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Surrey
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Essex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Kent
Hove: Sussex v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire
Trowbridge: Minor Counties v Hampshire

27-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (four days)
Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
Chelmsford: Essex v Surrey
*Southampton: Hampshire v Kent
Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan
Lord's: Middlesex v Yorkshire
Taunton: Somerset v Sussex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire
*Worcester: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire
OTHER MATCHES
Hove: Sussex II v England Under-19 (four days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire (three days)
28-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Yorkshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Northamptonshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan
Lord's: Middlesex v Surrey
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
Taunton: Somerset v Sussex

May

2-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
Fenner's: Combined Universities v Worcestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Somerset
Canterbury: Kent v Sussex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Scotland
Southampton: Hampshire v Glamorgan
Headingley: Yorkshire v Minor Counties
4-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Combined Universities
Worcester: Worcestershire v Derbyshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Warwickshire
Taunton: Somerset v Surrey
Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire
Hove: Sussex v Scotland
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Hampshire
5-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Hampshire
Chelmsford: Essex v Leicestershire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Warwickshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Northamptonshire
7-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Derby: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire

Chelmsford: Essex v Somerset
The Oval: Surrey v Warwickshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Sussex
Glasgow (Hamilton Crescent): Scotland v Kent
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Yorkshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Minor Counties

9-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (four days)
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Hampshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Essex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan
The Oval: Surrey v Kent
Worcester: Worcestershire v Lancashire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Warwickshire
OTHER MATCH (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Derbyshire
12-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Arundel: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v West Indians
REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Southampton: Hampshire v Kent
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Essex
Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan
The Oval: Surrey v Gloucestershire
Hove: Sussex v Middlesex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Lancashire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Warwickshire
15-FIRST-CLASS MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Middlesex
The Parks: Oxford University v Gloucestershire
16-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (four days)
Swansea: Glamorgan v Warwickshire
Folkestone: Kent v Essex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Derbyshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire
Hove: Sussex v Hampshire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire
18-TOUR MATCH (three days)
*Lord's: Middlesex v West Indians
OTHER MATCH (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Surrey
19-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Lancashire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Warwickshire
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Somerset
Folkestone: Kent v Essex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Yorkshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire
Hove: Sussex v Gloucestershire
22-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Derby: Derbyshire v Somerset
Chelmsford: Essex v Warwickshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Northamptonshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Kent
The Oval: Surrey v Lancashire
Hove: Sussex v Middlesex
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Gloucestershire
OTHER MATCH (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Leicestershire

23-TEXACO TROPHY
EDGBASTON: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES (first one-day international)

25-TEXACO TROPHY
OLD TRAFFORD: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES (second one-day international)
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Sussex
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Surrey
Canterbury: Kent v Derbyshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire
Taunton: Somerset v Middlesex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire
OTHER MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Worcestershire

26-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Swansea: Glamorgan v Sussex
Swindon: Gloucestershire v Hampshire
Canterbury: Kent v Derbyshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire
Taunton: Somerset v Middlesex
The Oval: Surrey v Essex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Worcestershire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

27-TEXACO TROPHY
LORD'S: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES (third one-day international)

29-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Quarter-finals
TOUR MATCH (three days)
Taunton or The Oval: Somerset or Surrey v West Indians
31-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Essex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Sussex
Lord's: Middlesex v Kent
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Yorkshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Glamorgan

June

1-TOUR MATCH (three days)
*Leicester: Leicestershire v West Indians
2-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Yorkshire
Pontypridd: Glamorgan v Essex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Sussex
Southgate: Middlesex v Kent
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Hampshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Somerset
Worcester: Worcestershire v Surrey
4-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Ilford: Essex v Leicestershire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Somerset
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Middlesex
Basingstoke: Hampshire v Lancashire
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Warwickshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Nottinghamshire
OTHER MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Yorkshire

6-FIRST CORNHILL TEST MATCH (five days)
*HEADINGLEY: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES

7-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Glamorgan
Ilford: Essex v Worcestershire
Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire
Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Sussex
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Leicestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Somerset
OTHER MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Lancashire
9-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Surrey
Ilford: Essex v Worcestershire
Moreton-in-Marsh: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire
Basingstoke: Hampshire v Sussex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Glamorgan
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Somerset
11-TILCON TROPHY
Harrogate (three days)
12-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Semi-finals
TOUR MATCH (three days)
Derby or Southport: Derbyshire or Lancashire v West Indians
14-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Middlesex
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Surrey
Hove: Sussex v Worcestershire
Harrogate: Yorkshire v Kent
15-TOUR MATCH (three days)
*Northampton: Northamptonshire v West Indians
16-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Checkley: Derbyshire v Somerset
Chelmsford: Essex v Hampshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Middlesex
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Surrey
Hove: Sussex v Worcestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Kent
18-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Gloucester: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire
Bath: Somerset v Hampshire
Coventry: Warwickshire v Sussex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire

OTHER MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Glamorgan
The Parks: Oxford University v Kent

20-SECOND CORNHILL TEST MATCH (five days)
*LORD'S: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES

21-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Derby: Derbyshire v Surrey
*Neath: Glamorgan v Leicestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Kent
*Northampton: Northamptonshire v Hampshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
Bath: Somerset v Gloucestershire
Horsham: Sussex v Essex
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Middlesex
22-FIRST-CLASS MATCH (three days)
*Dublin (Malahide): Ireland v Scotland
23-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Kent
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex
Bath: Somerset v Gloucestershire
Horsham: Sussex v Essex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Surrey
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Worcestershire
26-NATWEST TROPHY, first round
Bedford: Bedfordshire v Worcestershire
Reading: Berkshire v Worcestershire
Exmouth: Devon v Essex
Bournemouth: Dorset v Lancashire
Darlington: Durham v Glamorgan
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Norfolk
Bishop's Stortford: Hertfordshire v Derbyshire
Dublin (Castle Avenue): Ireland v Middlesex
Canterbury: Kent v Cambridgeshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Shropshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Lincolnshire
Edinburgh (Myreside): Scotland v Sussex
Bath: Somerset v Buckinghamshire
Stone: Staffordshire v Northamptonshire
The Oval: Surrey v Oxfordshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Yorkshire
TOUR MATCH (2 days)
The Parks: Oxford and Cambridge Universities v West Indians
28-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Liverpool: Lancashire v Glamorgan
Lord's: Middlesex v Essex
Luton: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Somerset
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Derbyshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Leicestershire
TOUR MATCH (one day)
Trowbridge: League Cricket Conference v West Indians
29-TOUR MATCH (three days)
*Southampton: Hampshire v West Indians
OTHER MATCH (three days)
*Hove: Sussex v Cambridge University
30-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Derbyshire
Canterbury: Kent v Gloucestershire
Luton: Northamptonshire v Somerset
The Oval: Surrey v Nottinghamshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Leicestershire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Glamorgan

July

2-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Chelmsford: Essex v Hampshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire
Maidstone: Kent v Northamptonshire
Hinckley: Leicestershire v Gloucestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Lancashire
Arundel: Sussex v Surrey
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Middlesex
Headingley: Yorkshire v Worcestershire
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Lord's: Oxford v Cambridge

4-THIRD CORNHILL TEST MATCH (five days)
TRENT BRIDGE: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES

5-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Derby: Derbyshire v Sussex
Southampton: Hampshire v Yorkshire
Maidstone: Kent v Glamorgan
Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
The Oval: Surrey v Essex
7-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Sussex
Chelmsford: Essex v Warwickshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Worcestershire
Maidstone: Kent v Glamorgan
Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire
Lord's: Middlesex v Yorkshire
Tring: Northamptonshire v Surrey
CENTENARY CHALLENGE (one day)
Taunton: Somerset v Gloucestershire
10-TOUR MATCH (two days)
Darlington: Minor Counties v West Indians
11-NATWEST TROPHY, second round
Luton or Worcester: Bedfordshire or Worcestershire v Durham or Glamorgan
Reading or Southampton: Berkshire or Hampshire v Dorset or Lancashire
Bristol or Lakenham: Gloucestershire or Norfolk v Nottinghamshire or Lincolnshire
Glasgow (Titwood) or Hove: Scotland or Sussex v Devon or Essex
Taunton or Marlow: Somerset or Buckinghamshire v Ireland or Middlesex
Burton (Ind Coope) or Northampton: Staffordshire or Northamptonshire v Leicestershire or Shropshire
The Oval or Oxford (Christ Church): Surrey or Oxfordshire v Kent or Cambridgeshire
Edgbaston or Headingley: Warwickshire or Yorkshire v Hertfordshire or Derbyshire
13-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
LORD'S: FINAL

TOUR MATCH (one day)
Downpatrick: Ireland v West Indians

14-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Canterbury: Kent v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire
Taunton: Somerset v Lancashire
The Oval: Surrey v Sussex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Middlesex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Derbyshire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Gloucestershire
(matches involving Benson and Hedges Cup finalists to be rearranged)
15-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Brecon: Wales v West Indians
16-TOUR MATCH (three days)
Swansea: Glamorgan v West Indians
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Southend: Essex v Kent
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Worcestershire
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Northamptonshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire
Guildford: Surrey v Gloucestershire
Hove: Sussex v Somerset
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Derbyshire
19-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Southend: Essex v Somerset
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Warwickshire
Uxbridge: Middlesex v Lancashire
Wellingborough School: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire
Guildford: Surrey v Yorkshire
Hove: Sussex v Leicestershire
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*Canterbury: Kent v West Indians
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Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Warwickshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Lancashire
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The Oval: Surrey v Yorkshire
Hove: Sussex v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Glamorgan
23-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Hampshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Essex
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Sussex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Somerset
Worksop: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Kent
24-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Wolverhampton: England Amateur XI v Sri Lankans

25-FOURTH CORNHILL TEST MATCH (five days)
*EDGBASTON: ENGLAND v WEST INDIES

26-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire
*Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Nottinghamshire
Taunton: Somerset v Kent
The Oval: Surrey v Glamorgan
TOUR MATCH (one day)
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Sri Lankans
27-TOUR MATCH (three days)
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28-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Essex
Southampton: Hampshire v Lancashire
Taunton: Somerset v Kent
The Oval: Surrey v Glamorgan
Hove: Sussex v Nottinghamshire
30-TOUR MATCH (three days)
Swansea or Worcester: Glamorgan or Worcestershire v Sri Lankans
31-NATWEST TROPHY
Quarter-finals
TOUR MATCH (three days)
Trent Bridge or Bristol: Nottinghamshire or Gloucestershire v West Indians
FESTIVAL MATCH (one day)
Jesmond: England XI v Rest of the World XI

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1-FESTIVAL MATCH (one day)
Jesmond: England XI v Rest of the World XI
2-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Canterbury: Kent v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Hampshire
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Leicestershire
Eastbourne: Sussex v Northamptonshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire
TOUR MATCH (three days)
Derby: Derbyshire v Sri Lankans
3-TOUR MATCH (three days)
*Chelmsford: Essex v West Indians
4-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Swansea: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Surrey
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Hampshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Leicestershire
Eastbourne: Sussex v Northamptonshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Derbyshire
6-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Derby: Derbyshire v Essex
Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire
Lytham St Annes: Lancashire v Northamptonshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Yorkshire
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Worcestershire
Eastbourne: Sussex v Nottinghamshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Surrey
TOUR MATCH (three days)
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Sri Lankans
UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL (one day)
Lord's: England v Australia

8-FIFTH CORNHILL TEST MATCH (five days)
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UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL (one day)
Trent Bridge: England v Australia

9-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Swansea: Glamorgan v Hampshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Lancashire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent
Lord's: Middlesex v Derbyshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Essex
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v Sussex
10-TOUR MATCH (three days)
*Taunton: Somerset v Sri Lankans
11-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
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Bristol: Gloucestershire v Lancashire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Derbyshire
Peterborough: Northamptonshire v Essex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Kent
Middlesbrough: Yorkshire v Sussex
14-NATWEST TROPHY
Semi-finals
TOUR MATCH (one day)
Old Trafford: England A v Sri Lankans (another venue if Lancashire in NatWest Trophy semi-finals)
15-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Old Trafford: England A v Sri Lankans (another venue if Lancashire in NatWest Trophy semi-finals)
16-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Derby: Derbyshire v Lancashire
Colchester: Essex v Northamptonshire
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Somerset
Worcester: Worcestershire v Surrey
Headingley: Yorkshire v Glamorgan
FIRST UNDER-19 TEST MATCH (four days)
Leicester: England v Australia
17-TOUR MATCH (three days)
*Hove: Sussex v Sri Lankans
18-REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Glamorgan
Colchester: Essex v Middlesex
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Leicestershire
Canterbury: Kent v Northamptonshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Surrey
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Somerset
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire

20-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Derby: Derbyshire v Leicestershire
Colchester: Essex v Yorkshire
Bournemouth: Hampshire v Sussex
Canterbury: Kent v Gloucestershire
Blackpool: Lancashire v Worcestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Middlesex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Glamorgan

22-CORNHILL TEST MATCH (five days)
LORD'S: ENGLAND v SRI LANKA

23-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (three days)
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Essex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Surrey
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire
Taunton: Somerset v Yorkshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Middlesex
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June 8: Eton v Harrow
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July 17: MCC Schools v NAYC
July 18: NCA Young Cricketers
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London will be announcing its three chosen venues on Monday but, with the Games centred on Docklands, they are likely to be the rowing/canoeing course in the Royal Albert Dock and possibly the London Dome, which would be used for the gymnastics, and also a velodrome.

London's plan is for at least 15 of the 25 sports to be staged in east London. They would include athletics at a stadium in Silvertown with a 60,000 capacity, extended to 80,000 for the Games, and which would surely be of interest to the nearby football club, West Ham United, which has trying to move from Upton Park.

Swimming will be held either at Beckton, or at Barnet Copthall, which already has an indoor complex, is close to the M1 and preferred by the British swimming authorities.

The Olympic village would be on the Greenwich peninsula, which is owned by British Gas and zoned for housing, and its availability for development and proximity to Docklands were reasons why the Games will centre in east London rather than on Wembley, the venue for the major events of the Games in 1948, the last time the Olympics were held in Britain. There was no suitable site in north-west London for a village, capable of holding 16,000 competitors, officials and journalists.

The London bid was almost aborted. Disputes between the two rival groups, London Olympic 2000 and the London Council for Sports and Recreation, were settled only after an extension had been given to the deadline.

However, David Teasdale, a member of the six-man board, said yesterday: "The deal we struck has worked. Although there have been tough arguments, it has not been a matter of us against them.

"We have been up against the clock, although both groups had separately explored most of the issues before we came together. But, of course, we could have done with more time."

Manchester, on the other hand, has certainly had time — more than six years. It was unsuccessful against Birmingham for the 1992 Games but beat Birmingham for the British nomination for the 1996 Games. It has an experienced team, led by Bob Scott, and it has learnt from last year's campaign, when it polled 11 votes in the first round of voting among the IOC members but only five in the second.

Rick Parry, the director of the bid, said: "Our message for 2000 is to turn visions into reality."

One new facility that should be available by 1993 is a 4,500-seat stadium in Blackburn, which is scheduled to house judo. The King's Dock Arena on Merseyside should be ready, along with the yachting centre in Pwllheli in north Wales.

However, its case would be even stronger if a venue in Manchester were completed. In particular, a start on a part of the Olympic centre at Barton Cross, which is expected to cost £800 million and will comprise the Olympic stadium, swimming centre, indoor area and Olympic Village, would be invaluable.

Manchester agreed to allow London's bid to go ahead after the deadline. Parry stressed: "We were very clear that we did not want London disqualified on a technicality. The thing we need to do is to beat the capital fair and square, in order to be the British bid. This would then be a splendid launchpad to win the IOC's nomination."

Mercy dash: Dr John Rutter, raising money on behalf of the Exeter hospice, trains for the London Marathon

Early end to marathon effort

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

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Marathon Appeal

THE ADT London Marathon on Sunday week is to be cut short to 22 miles. Runners, ponder the thought. Do you feel relieved or cheated?

Under-trained entrants may now know how Dr John Rutter felt two months ago. Suddenly, the hospice he wanted came down in price, from £1.6 to £1.2 million. Just when the task had begun to seem too formidable, it was brought within range.

This story would have been on the back page had the London Marathon really become the "London 22". No such thing. But Rutter draws the analogy that being able to buy the hospice now is like having the marathon finish transferred from Westminster to the Tower.

In January, Rutter was chosen for *The Times*/Unisys London Marathon Appeal team as he wanted to raise money for the Exeter Hospice Fund. With £600,000 needed, there was talk of the price rising above £1.6 million. "As costs go up you wonder whether you are ever going to catch up," Rutter said.

Race-day is not yet here, but Rutter's race has been won already. "Because of the recession, building costs have gone down and we have been able to go ahead," Rutter said. "In February we accepted a tender at £1.2 million." The money he raises will now help to service the hospice. Running profits to offset running costs.

The first sod was cut last week and by next April Exeter should have its own hospice for people dying from cancer.

Rutter, aged 42, from Whitestone, Exeter, was volunteered for the appeal team by a hospiscare sister, so perhaps he had better not make too good a job of fundraising. The hospice needs £500,000 per year just to keep going and may not stop at calling for a doctor in the house. Anyone for the London Marathon 1992?

The Times and Unisys — the official ADT London Marathon computer service — hope that by featuring the efforts of our team of fund runners we will help them find sponsorship. If you wish to support one or more of them, write clearly stating your beneficiaries to *The Times*/Unisys London Marathon Appeal, Sports Department, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. We will send on your donations.

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BOXING

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By Bryan Stiles

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His original opponent, Tek Nkalankete, was pulled out by the European Boxing Union (EBU) because the gap between his last bout and the time he would touch gloves with Barrett next Wednesday would be ten months and three days.

Those three days were the problem. The rules allow a gap of only ten months for a championship bout.

When the EBU came up with a Belgian-based boxer with a Celtic-sounding name, Duff was intrigued and demanded to see his record. It showed that McCreath, aged 26, had had ten professional bouts, winning all except the last, in October, when he was outpointed by Patrick Vungbo for the Belgian welterweight title ("I was robbed"); that he had fought three times in Belgium, five times in France, once in Yugoslavia, and once in the Soviet Union.

For further explanation Duff had to wait until yesterday, when McCreath attended a press conference in London to reveal that he got a licence in Belgium because his manager was well in on the continental boxing scene as he operated in France.

He also saw a Belgian licence as being the passport to a high position in Europe, as there were fewer good boxers in that country.

"I think I've proved my point — I'm fighting for the European title after ten fights," McCreath, who is ranked seventh in Europe, said.

CYCLING

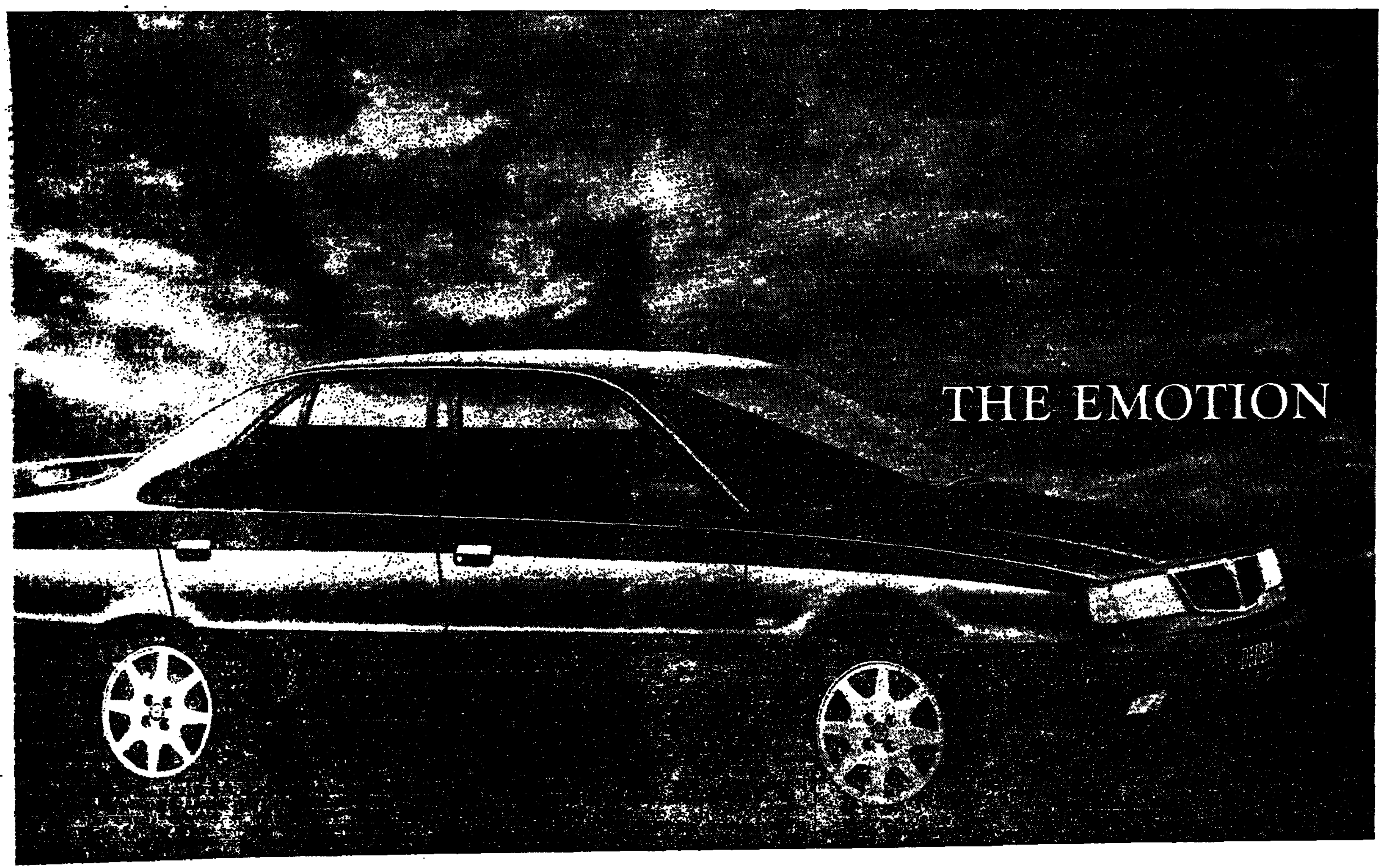
Bogaert out to build on past success

JAN Bogaert, who won five stages in last year's Am-Pro Milk Race, returns next month intending to claim a big share of the record £65,000 prize-money (Peter Bryan writes).

In the Belgian's Collstrop squad will be Harry Lodge, of Britain, eighteenth overall last year to winner Shane Sutton, who is back in training after breaking his right wrist.

The two home amateur sides will be selected when teams competing in France and Belgium return next week.

The professional racing committee of the British Cycling Federation will fund the 123-mile British professional road race championship, at Newport, Shropshire, on June 30.



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Battle-scarred Lineker yet to achieve his goal

On Sunday, Gary Lineker plays his most important match since joining Tottenham Hotspur from Barcelona two seasons ago. As he prepares for the FA Cup semi-final against Arsenal he talks of the events that have followed his return to English football, the World Cup in Italy and the financial troubles at White Hart Lane

THERE'S a picture that exists of you and your wife, Michelle, out in Italy relaxing outside bare-legged — and you've got a lot of scars on your legs. Do you ever feel any anger when you've been blatantly fouled?

Not really. Sometimes I do. It depends. Sometimes if you're not getting any protection from the referee, and you're constantly being whacked. I think the worst example of that I ever had was in Turkey a few years ago playing for England where it really did, after a while, get on my nerves. The referee did nothing about it, and I was more annoyed at the referee than the player — because if he's going to get away with it, it's not going to do them any harm. But then he booked him in the last minute, which seemed a bit of a waste of time really, than if he'd have done it in the first. That annoys me if it's continual and the ref doesn't do anything about it.

Do you think refereeing in general is getting worse?

No, I don't think so. I think people have always said that, that the referees are awful and that there's a problem and it's getting worse and worse. I think they've just got a horrible job. I think the problem is the game's got more difficult to referee, because the game's so much quicker than it used to be. And in that case, the referees have got to be quicker — and they're not really, I don't think. Unless we get to the stage where we get professional referees, that won't happen. So they're often perhaps a little bit more behind the play than they used to be. Especially with the way the game's changed with long balls, it must be difficult for them to keep up with play.

Have you ever dived?

Not deliberately, no. I mean, what happens often is you trip a little bit and you go down. But not dribbling up to somebody, knock it and give it the theatricals. I don't think anybody really does that in this country. Not English players, because we're not brought up that way.

In general, what do you think of the professional foul?

They call it this 'professional foul' thing — but it's just really another foul. They just all of a sudden consider it a professional foul when someone's through on goal. It's something we could do with getting rid of, as a striker I mean, definitely.

What do you think of the new rules, though. Do you think they're working? Are they wise?

The great problem with it is that you're going to get inconsistency. It needs absolutely to be clarified exactly what is the professional foul. But they've got to make it clear it's a cynical tackle and not an accidental bump into somebody — like so many of them have been this season. I think they've got to make it so the referee is absolutely sure that it was a definite attempt to play the man and not the ball. What's happening at the moment is that a player is going through and they're making a last-ditch attempt to try and toe the ball back. They're catching a player, he's going down, and they're getting sent off. Now I don't think that's right. I think it is a foul, but just a free kick.

Who was your boyhood hero?

Frank Worthington. Brilliant, skilful player.

Did you ever fantasise about becoming as great as Frank Worthington?

I think all kids dream that, don't they? I certainly did. All I wanted to ever be was a footballer, or maybe a cricketer. I never have become as skilful as him, never will be. I always wanted to be a top-class player, without ever believing I really would.

People would say that you haven't just reached his status, but you've now surpassed it. Does waking up in the morning — and looking in the mirror — give you the satisfaction that you thought, say, Bobby Moore might have felt when you were a youngster?

Well, if you'd have just gone from being aged eight to now — then probably. But it creeps on you gradually, and you don't actually ever think of it like that.

How would you feel if your career ended tomorrow and/or you were left at the end with the supposedly small number of medals that you possess? Would you feel satisfied?

We always want more. We're all greedy, aren't we. We're all ambitious.

Is the life of a footballer an easy one?

Not as easy as it's perceived, I don't think. Although, I can't complain, to be honest. It is a good life. We don't do many hours a day. But it's hard, physical stuff — to keep playing at the top level 60 or 70 times a season is not easy. But in comparison to some jobs, it's obviously far easier. We're in the entertainment business, under pressure to perform at a high level all the time, and it's not always possible because you get weeks where you can't put one leg in front of the other or you have bad days. It's a difficult question to answer.

How do you motivate yourself at, say, the away leg ofthe Rumbelows Cup-tie at Hartlepool when Tottenham were 5-0 up from the first leg?

I didn't play. Probably because Terry Venables realised that I would find it immensely difficult to motivate myself.

In general, though, how do you motivate yourself for a supposedly small game when you've played on the world's biggest stages?

It is difficult sometimes, that's true. I mean, pre-season friendlies and things — I did find it very difficult this year after the World Cup. I've always preferred the big games anyway. We don't have too many small games like that. If you're 5-0 up against Hartlepool, away, then it doesn't matter if you're not highly motivated.

Gaining the England captaincy was clearly a boost to you personally. Did losing it to Bryan Robson surprise you?

No, it didn't surprise me. The majority of my career, Bryan has been captain and I've played under his leadership. So it was nothing, it was Graham Taylor's decision and he felt that — Bryan having been captain so often — it would be wrong for him not to be, and that didn't surprise me very much.

What about your personal chances of making the European championship finals in Stockholm next year and the World Cup finals in the United States in 1994?

I don't know, really. I would hope Sweden wouldn't be a problem. But you never really know when your legs go in this game, so they say — you're always the first to know.

Is there any sign at all of this?

No, I still feel quite good at the moment.

Even compared to when you were 18, say?

Well no, I haven't felt like I was when I was 18 since I was 18. I don't think the pace makes any difference or in the game — my pace hasn't gone or anything like that, it's just the same as it's always been. The difference is it takes a bit longer to warm up really, that's all.

Have you considered the fact that you will be 34 in 1994?

I'll be 33, substantially younger than Roger Milla. We'll have to face that when we get there. I don't know how I'll feel at that time, I might not even be scoring goals, I might have been dropped or retired from football altogether. Who knows?

Did England's achievements in Italy surprise you?

No, not really. We've always

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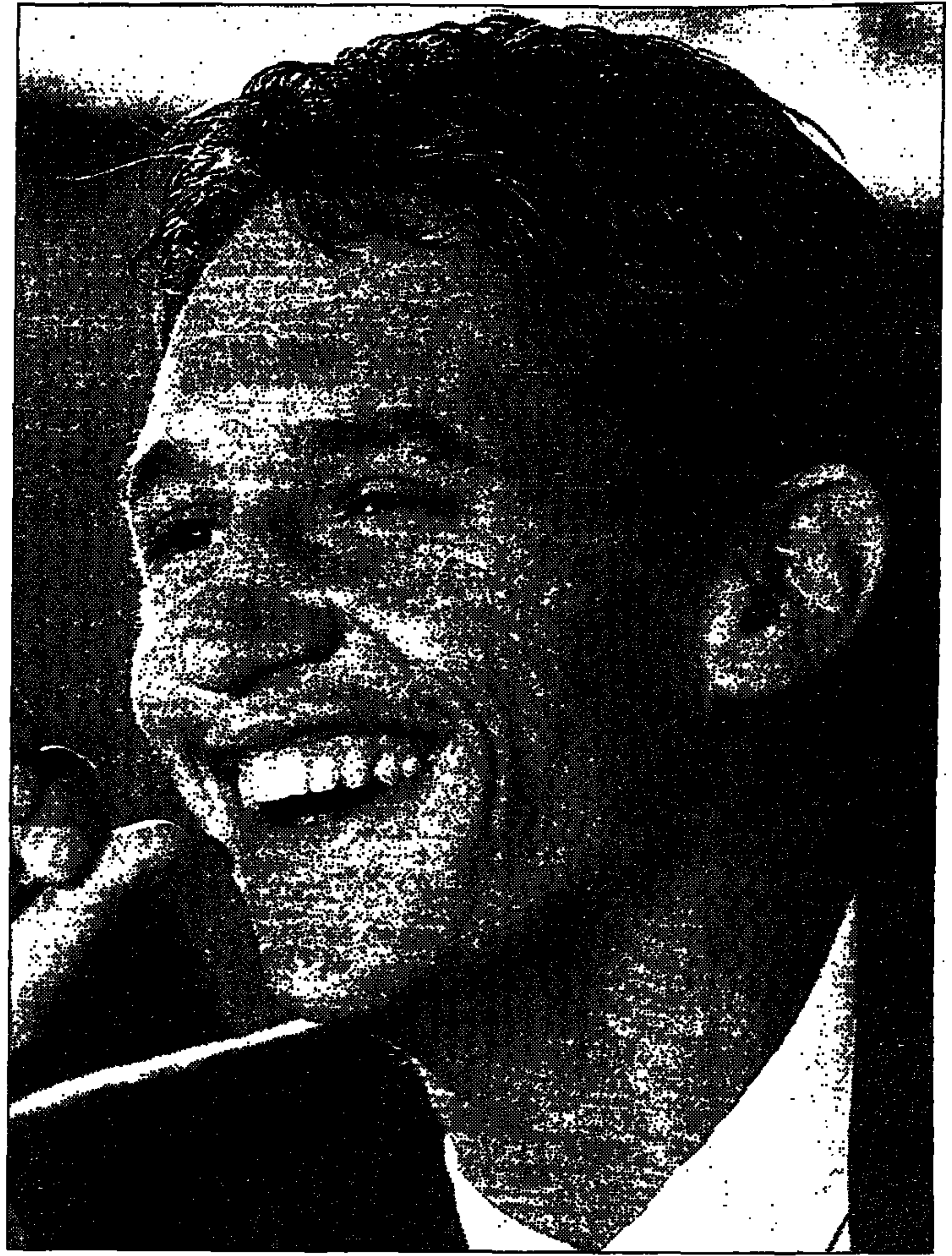

Smiling through: Lineker puts a brave face on his future as he discusses his past career

known we've got a decent side, our record proves it over the years — the last couple of years in particular. We knew we had a chance, we all thought we'd beat West Germany as well, but we didn't.

You were confident, were you?

Yeah, I don't think you can possibly go out on the field and not believe in yourselves. Otherwise you would get a good hiding, and we thought we were as good as them. I don't think they were a particularly wonderful team, myself.

What was the confidence like before that West Germany semi-final in the dressing-room? Did you think that you had a good chance?

There was a lot of confidence. I think we really fancied it. I think the first half an hour of the game proves it. We've gone out there, and, for the first half an hour anyway, we were just much the better side. The problem is, every country said the same: the German press slaughtered the German team, said they had no possible chance in the World Cup, and that Beckenbauer was useless, and the team was useless. And the English press do the same, the Spanish press do the same about their team, and so on and so on. But because we live on this island, nobody realises that everybody thinks the same about their team because they only pick up the bad points. We've got a very negative press, in fact the world's press is negative. I mean, that's the way it is. It's more interesting to read about how bad things are. We like to moan a bit, don't we, in this world. But the players themselves know, we know that we're as good as any team around, on our day. And as bad as any team.

Moving on to the subject of Paul Gascoigne, you have said that he was your favourite comedian. Were you serious about this?

No, I can't remember saying that, actually!

Do you perhaps feel Gazza's personality is a cover-up for a different person underneath?

No, with Gazza what you see is what you get. He's a character . . . I mean he is amusing, i on your nerves. He's a energy, he never stops moment he gets up, doi thing. He has to be doi thing all the time. hyperactive. I mean that is. But if you're around h time, you can't help but He's a lovable character things that he shouldn't like a naughty little b what he is.

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I think it would be ver for him, being the type he is. Very difficult.

What made you Tottenham?

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How did you react to that Chris Waddle had b

Quite depressed. Very mean, I'd only joined week before.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

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By KEITH MACKLIN

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By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

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Don Mosey writes on the great career of Sir Richard

HOCKEY

Mayer is named in squad

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

A SQUAD of 16, which will probably represent England in the European Cup in Paris from June 12 to 23, will take part in a six-nations tournament at Madrid from April 25 to 28.

Robert Thompson, one of the leading scorers for Hounslow who will be unavailable for Paris because of university examinations, has been omitted. Robert Hill also finds no place in the squad which is already well stocked with experienced half backs, Potter, Laslett, Nail and Grimley.

Mayer, who was dropped from the Great Britain team for the Champions Trophy at Melbourne last November, is included as a wing forward. The England side is grouped at Madrid with Germany and Pakistan.

SQUAD: S Rowlands (Havant), D Luckes (East Grinstead), D Faulkner (Havant, captain), P Bolland (Hounslow), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), J Potter (Hounslow), J Laslett (Teddington), M Grimley (Neston), C Mayer (Cannock), R Garcia (Havant), J Shaw (Southgate), J Lee (East Grinstead), S Kerly (Southgate), P Nail (Havant), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians), D Williams (Havant).

ENGLAND'S FIXTURES: April 25: v Germany (6pm). April 26: v Pakistan (4pm).

England to apply the fine-tuning

By ALIX RAMSAY

ENGLAND'S women will get the opportunity to put the finishing touches to their European Cup preparations this weekend in two training matches against Belgium in Brussels.

The trip is to familiarise the squad with the cup venue and its artificial pitch. Given that Belgium's European Cup ranking is ninth, the fixtures should provide two healthy wins after a series of disappointing results. After the last international in Munich, two weeks ago, where England suffered defeats at the hands of Netherlands and Germany before going on to beat Spain, the coach, Sue Slocombe, said her long-term plans were going well.

"I think we are beginning to peak at the right time," she said. "Everything is going right for us except getting the ball in the net."

But time is running out. Slocombe and the selectors made the decision to pick their final squad of 16 in February. In many ways it has left Slocombe with few options should her players lose sharpness or her plans go awry.

"With pace of the game at top level you don't have time to think of the basics on the pitch," she said. "You need a lot of time with the team to form a cohesive unit." Team selection is left to a panel of five. Not one has played at the international level on artificial turf or has playing experience of the modern game. However, Slocombe does have a considerable influence on the final decision.

She would prefer the selection to be made by the management team and just one outside voice. "But that person would have to be very involved," she said. "They must have a knowledge of the players outside the home countries. They need to see the inconsistencies and development, to see that working, and decide from there."

Under the management selection set-up, England's make-up has changed little since last year's World Cup. Of the four players dropped since then, three had decided to retire from the game anyway. Barbara Holland, the All-England president, supports the system. "Having made these decisions, maybe we have got to learn from them."

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
Third division

Southend v Tranmere (7.45)

GM Vauxhall Conference

Northwich v Kettering
Runcorn v Macclesfield

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Norwich v Tottenham.

RUGBY UNION

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP (Cardiff)
SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Scotland v Ireland (Kelso, 6.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: First division: Hull v Oldham, Hull KR v Leigh; St Helens v Halifax.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG CHAMPIONSHIP: Men: First division: Semi-finals: Thames Valley v Sunderland (7.15); Leicester v Kingston (9.0) (all at NEC, Birmingham)

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final: Durham v Peterborough (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: English indoor National Championships (Melton Mowbray)
GOLF: Jersey Open (La Moye).
SWIMMING: British club team championships (Sheffield).

TRY THIS

Denis Tingay's suggestion for a sporting day out

RUGBY UNION: Women's World Cup: Semi-finals and final: The inaugural world cup reaches its climax at Cardiff this weekend, when England take on France and New Zealand meet the United States in the semi-finals being played this evening. The final is being staged on Sunday. The tournament has proved both on and off the field that the women's game, given the chance, can play a worthwhile role within the overall rugby union spectrum.

It has been noted in many quarters that the level of skill shown throughout the week has far exceeded expectations. The organisers are hoping for crowds of about 6,000 on both days to offset the cost of staging the championship.

EVENT DETAILS: The first semi-final, between England and France, kicks off at 6pm this evening, with New Zealand v United States following on at 8pm. Both matches, as well as the final, are being staged at Cardiff Arms Park. Admission is £5 for all matches, with those paying to watch the first semi-final able to stay for the second with no extra charge.

TABLE TENNIS

Cooke sets sail again for Sweden

ALAN Cooke, the Commonwealth and former national champion, has signed as the No. 1 player for Malmö SS, two years after quitting the Swedish league to compete in England (Richard Eaton writes).

Cooke, who will live in Sweden, should now get regular club competition against some of the world's outstanding players, including the world champion, Jan-Ove Waldner, and the European champion, Mikael Appelgren. During his last spell in Sweden Cooke improved markedly, despite commuting.

Cooke's deal, which has a two-year option, should boost his career but is a blow to the British league, which must next season do without three leading players because Carl Prean, the England No. 1, and Chen Xinhua, the former world cup winner, are contracted to play in the German Bundesliga.

Fusiliers proud in defeat

7 Para RHA 13
1 Royal Welch Fusiliers . 7

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

THE Royal Horse Artillery, Aldershot-based and within easy reach of the Military stadium, struggled to retain the Army Major Units title yesterday, against the unfancied Fusiliers.

It was their fifth title win in seven years, and they edged ahead through a try with 18 minutes remaining but scarcely doused the unremitting spirit of the Fusiliers — in their first final.

The gunners were far more hardened after playing in the United Kingdom section and a big problem for the Berlin-based Fusiliers had been finding a unit to give them a rigorous challenge.

Within 15 minutes, the gunners led through two penalty goals from Lloyd-Jones, the first after Davies committed a late tackle on Kevin Wood, who had kicked ahead innocuously from *inside his own half.*

Lloyd-Jones missed three dropped goals within 45 minutes and Thomas failed with another, for the Fusiliers, whose resolution was devalued by tactical naivety.

The Fusiliers squeezed ahead, briefly, with an easy penalty goal from Jeffries and a try by Williams, who crashed over jubilantly around the blind side of a scrum.

This served as an object lesson to the gunners, who thrived on Kevin Wood, Commander, and driving mauls to produce a try by Wade from another close-in scrum.

Lloyd-Jones dropped a goal with two minutes remaining to add a touch of polish to the victory, but the Fusiliers had given them a challenge to remember.

SCORERS: 7 Para RHA: Try: Wade. Dropped goal: Lloyd-Jones. Penalty goals: Lloyd-Jones (2). 1 Royal Welch Fusiliers: Try: Williams. Penalty goal: Jeffries.

7 PARA RHA: Sgt S Commander; L/Bdr P Dickinson, Lt M Craig, Sgt K Hill, L/Bdr K Wood; Sgt D Lloyd-Jones; L/Bdr J Derwood; Sgt D Coghlan, L/Bdr C Wood, L/Bdr J Fowers, CFN C Jones, WO2 P Reese, Sgt A Symes, Gnr B Wade, WO2 M Lewis (capt).

1 ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS: Fus G Thomas; Cpl A Kent; L/Cpl J Davies, Cpl A Whitrow, L/Cpl R Congreve; Cpl D Jeffries, WO2 G Morgan, Sgt P Fenton, Sgt M Owen, Cpl C Campbell (capt), Cpl G Martin, Maj T Brown, Capt H James, Capt M Leader, Fus L Williams.

Referee: Maj K Montgomery (Army and Berkshire).

RUGBY UNION

Welsh credibility rests on making impact overseas

GERALD DAVIES

IF WELSH rugby is to pick itself up, dust itself down and start parading up the sport's first-class avenue in all its finery once more, it needs to face up to a harsh reality: that the rugby world is changing, the power is shifting, so that soon a place at the top table will no longer be available simply because a place was guaranteed in the past.

Soon, that place will have to be earned. The existence of the World Cup makes sure of that. Wales will play, for instance, in the same group as Western Samoa. There are those wits who are already breathing a sigh of relief, as they say that Wales will not be playing the whole of Samoa.

Wales, whose touring party was announced on Monday, will embark this summer on their third tour of Australia, where they have only succeeded once — in 1969 — in three international matches; a statistic which has largely been explained away, and in part justified, by the vagaries — before neutral referees became obligatory — of local officials.

Wales's record overseas makes unhappy reading, none the less. Since they began touring in 1964, when they went to South Africa, Wales can hardly be said to have distinguished themselves.

They have never won, for instance, in New Zealand. Moreover, Wales have consistently failed to make any impression at all. On each occasion they have lost heavily.

On their only visit to South Africa the defeat, by 24-3, was such that it caused a considerable upheaval in Wales and heralded a coaching revolution. In those days, at least prompt action was taken.

It hardly bears thinking what their fate would be if they were to embark on such a journey today. England, in the meantime, have won in both countries.

Wales, seeing itself as a leading rugby nation, has done its praiseworthy share of missionary work in spreading the gospel in places like Canada, Japan and Fiji, but its record overseas when it mattered does not stand much scrutiny. Even when the team went to Bucharest it failed miserably, by 24-6, against Romania.

Wales's international reputation in the broad context rests on magnificent efforts on its own patch — the great victories at national and club level against New Zealand, for instance. There has been scant hope of anything of the kind happening overseas.

It has rested also on those great players who played for the British Isles. Welsh rugby performs at its best when it is at home.

To what extent can Welsh rugby define itself beyond the narrow scope of its own boundaries of village and nation? At the moment, when Welsh rugby's entire structure is being re-examined, its standards of play under inspection, its vision of the future must encompass a world perspective. It cannot be said to have been so hitherto.

That rugby can bind a community as much as it can arouse conflict with the next one down the road has been a source of competitive strength in Wales. On the other hand, it has encouraged insularity and a too cosy familiarity.

The prominence of the five nations' championship as the premier annual competition sustains this comfortably convenient provincial view. This has cosseted Wales as much, perhaps, as it has done the other three home countries. Theirs, essentially, has always been a European perspective. It was the Lions who were meant to conquer the rest of the world.

Thus the five nations' championship has provided a convenient shelter: the collective effort of the Lions concealing the weaknesses of the separate parts.

The individual countries have rarely been exposed in the way South Africa and New Zealand — who have always had to think of themselves in the world context — have been.

Through force of circumstances both these other nations have had to travel far to make and sustain their reputations. They may have envied the European championship once, but surely the absence of a similar competition for them now works to their advantage. Psychologically, they are more mature to take on something like the World Cup.

If Wales can claim rugby to be its national game, the ultimate comparison has to be made with New Zealand and South Africa. Sadly, it fails on both counts.

It is high time Wales started making an impression overseas. There are few, at the moment, who believe that this will happen in Australia this summer.

Selectors waiting on county final

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE representative season may be over at senior level, but England's under-21 selectors are still at work. They will assemble *on April 20 to choose the party* for two matches in May, against Dutch and French opponents, having watched the climax of the county under-21 season at Twickenham that day.

Warwickshire and Hampshire will contest the under-21 final as one of the curtain raisers to the senior county final. The Midlands have dominated the under-21 divisional matches this season, which end on Wednesday when London defeated the South-West 16-10.

There is not yet a fully-fledged divisional championship at this age level, nor is there likely to be until 1992-3, but in the four matches which were played this season, Midlands have beaten both London (22-7) and the North (27-6), assisted by the first-team experience of such players as Graham Rountree, of Leicester, and Richard Cockerill, of Coventry.

They have also had Lawrence Boyle, the Moseley centre who captained England in their only under-21 international this season, available. He will hope for better fortune if he is involved in the games against The Netherlands, at den Bosch on May 18, and against the French Armed Forces Under-21 XV, near Lille four days later.

The England Students party to tour Canada in July will be decided over the weekend of May 4 to 5. A party of 26 will travel for the six matches, coached by Les Cusworth and subsequently by Jack Rowell, though neither is available for the whole tour. Both men are committed for the following year, when there will be a full student international championship, followed in July by the student World Cup, in Italy. For that reason 100 players have been asked about their availability, not only for Canada but also for the 12 months afterwards.

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From JENNY MAC…
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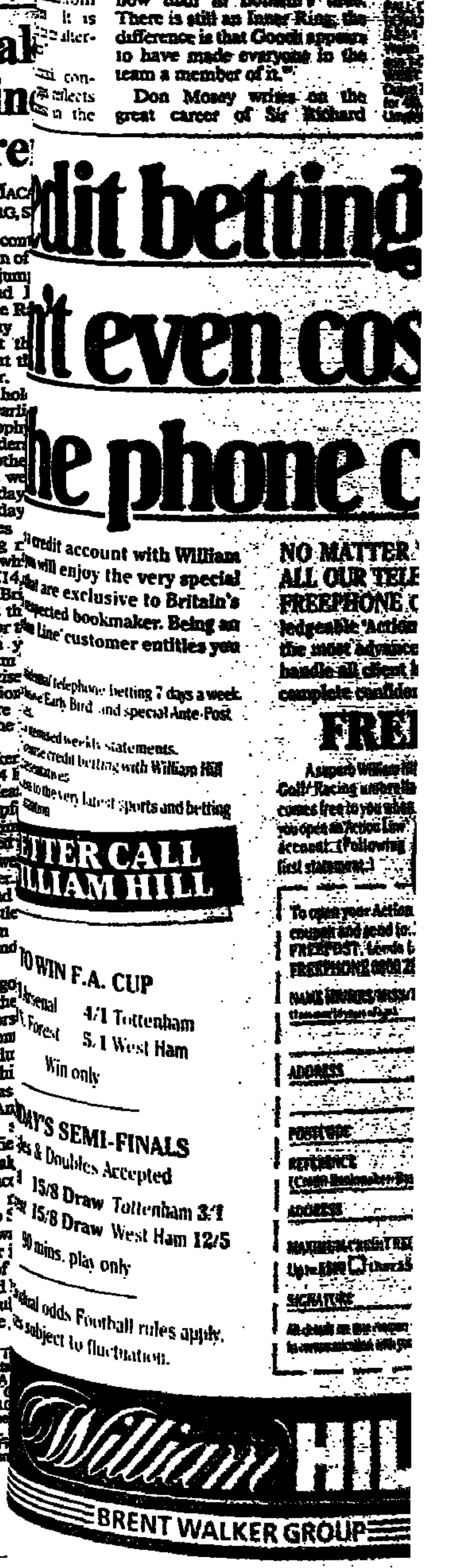

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This exciting uncertainty created by the premierships extends into the second division. On Sunday the last league games of the season find three clubs, Fulham, Carlisle and Doncaster, chasing the seventh and eighth places in the premiership.

This competition can be a financial godsend to poverty-stricken second division clubs, since apart from prize-money the lesser final shares the limelight before a big crowd at Old Trafford.

Fulham are in the driving seat and should beat off even a revived challenge from the improved Runcorn Highfield, at Crystal Palace. This would leave the final place to either Carlisle, who have no easy task at Hunslet, or Doncaster who are at home to sixth-placed Leigh.

☐ Kelvin Skerrett, the Wigan and Great Britain forward, will miss the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley, on April 27.

CRICKET

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By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

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Don Mosey writes on the great career of Sir Richard Hadlee while, comfortingly, the books review at the back of the almanack continues to be written by John Arlott.

Three overseas players feature in the five cricketers of the year: Mark Waugh, Desmond Haynes and Mohammad Azharuddin. The two Englishmen are opening batsmen at opposite ends of the age scale. Michael Atherton wins the honour at 23; Alan Butcher, of Glamorgan, is 37. Both are worthy choices.

* *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 1991* (John Wisden, £20 cased, £16.75 soft cover).

☐ West Indies retained their 1-0 lead in the five-match series against Australia when the third Test at Port of Spain ended in a draw on Wednesday.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 294 (M E Waugh 64, M A Taylor 61; B P Patterson 4 for 50)

Second innings

M A Taylor b Patterson	2
G R Marsh lbw b Marshall	12
D C Boon b Walsh	29
D M Jones not out	39
A R Border not out	27
Extras (b 1, lb 9, nb 4)	14
Total (3 wkts dec)	123

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-49, 3-53.

BOWLING: Ambrose 10-4-11-0; Patterson 7-0-27-1 (nb 2); Marshall 10-3-24-1 (nb 2); Walsh 12-8-11-1; Hooper 13-3-38-0; Richardson 1-0-2-0.

WEST INDIES: First innings 227 (P J L Dujon 70, C E L Ambrose 53; M G Hughes 4 for 48).

Umpires: L Barker and D Archer.

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Net gain: Hardy, right, of Colleges, beats Green, of Universities, with a spike during the volleyball tournament

Haigh launches late revival

By MARK HERBERT

THE British Polytechnics football team staged another late recovery to upset the British Universities and so stay in contention for the Endsleigh Festival title at Abbeydale, Sheffield, yesterday.

Universities, favourites to win with a skilful, cohesive side containing ten of the Universities Athletic Union representative team, took the lead in the first half when Rob Matthews forced home Kenny Gasser's cross. Gasser, an Ipswich Town reserve, also hit the metalwork twice. Universities kept control and looked to be cruising through until the chaotic last ten minutes.

First, Haigh, the Polytechnics substitute, headed in at the far post. From the restart, Reddin broke down the left and sent in a low cross which Thomas, his Loughborough University colleague, headed in brilliantly from knee height. Within a minute, the Polytechnics were level again, Tyrell shooting crisply from the edge of the area, after Stewart had blocked Aitken's shot, to make it 2-2.

Thomas then hit the Polytechnics post and Tyrell, in injury time, had his header cleared off the Universities line by Hails. The title will be decided when Universities play the Colleges today.

The netball tournament also produced a dramatic finish. Polytechnics remain in contention, needing a heavy win against Universities today to take the championship. Yesterday, the two sides were level with the scores at 26-26 when Pippa Simmons, the Polytechnics goal attack, shot. The whistle blew as the ball went through the net and the effort did not count.

The men's hockey tournament produced a second draw, with Polytechnics somehow managing to survive Universities' swarming attack to draw 0-0. In the women's championship, Universities used their short-corner routine to good effect and beat Colleges 3-1. Mary King, the team captain, scored twice and Nadine Long added her third goal of the tournament for Universities.

The Universities also dominated the men's and women's volleyball, winning all their matches yesterday. They are well placed in both basketball tournaments too, needing to win the final round of matches today to clinch the titles.

RESULTS: Football: Polytechnics 2, Universities 2. Basketball: Men: Universities 93, Colleges 63. Women: Polytechnics 52, Colleges 50. Hockey: Men: Universities 0, Polytechnics 0. Women: Colleges 1, Universities 3. Netball: Colleges 25, Polytechnics 48; Universities 47, Colleges 18; Polytechnics 26, Universities 26. Tennis (leading positions): 1, Universities, 4 points; 2, Polytechnics, 1½; 3, Colleges, ½. Volleyball: Men: Colleges 0, Polytechnics 2; Universities 2, Colleges 0; Polytechnics 0, Universities 2. Women: Polytechnics 0, Colleges 2; Universities 2, Polytechnics 0; Colleges 0, Universities 2.

FOOTBALL

Graham worried by Gascoigne

By CLIVE WHITE

PAUL Gascoigne's return to the Tottenham Hotspur side at Norwich on Wednesday, just 30 days after undergoing an abdominal operation, has caused George Graham, the Arsenal manager, to reconsider his side's tactics for the FA Cup semi-final against their fierce rivals at Wembley on Sunday.

"He looked very good," Graham said. "I was very surprised. When he went for the operation I didn't think he would be fit in time, but his fitness level was excellent. Now that he's in, it's a big factor in my selection and tactics."

Graham, who has always shied away from individualists at Highbury, preferring the team concept, described Gascoigne as "a unique talent in England", to whom Arsenal would give the necessary respect. Gascoigne played for 61 minutes before being brought off in Tottenham's 2-1 defeat at Carrow Road.

David Hillier, the young defender-turned midfield player, whom Graham had earmarked to hound Gascoigne the length and breadth of Wembley's spacious pitch, until he fell foul of Jimmy Case's abrasive attention at The Dell on Tuesday, could yet be fit to perform that duty.

The "six stud" injury which he received to his shin is not as bad as first thought and he has a chance of recovering, according to Graham. Both he and David Rocastle, who resumed training yesterday after a minor knee operation, have been included in a 16-man squad, though it would be optimistic to expect either to start the match.

Also included are David O'Leary and Andy Linighan, neither of whom played in the 1-1 draw against Southampton but one of whom could be deployed as a third centre back. O'Leary was used successfully to counter the speed of Gary Lineker in the goalless draw between the two sides at White Hart Lane in January.

Graham would not be drawn on what he had planned. Players' performances dictated tactics, he said. "If we play like I know we can, whatever system they use is immaterial. I think systems and tactics are overrated. I think sometimes managers and coaches take too much praise for them."

SQUAD: D Seaman, L Dixon, S Bould, D O'Leary, A Adams, N Winterburn, D Hillier, M Thomas, P Davis, D Rocastle, P Groves, P Merson, A Smith, A Limpar, K Campbell, A Linighan.

☐ Crystal Palace yesterday announced a two-year sponsorship agreement worth £2 million with Tulip Computers, one of the most lucrative contracts in the first division (Lousie Taylor writes). Ron Noades, the Palace chairman, said he hoped it would help make his club "the Arsenal or Tottenham Hotspur of south London". He said: "This is not a big a sponsorship as Arsenal's or Manchester United's but it is one of the top deals in the country."

Tulip will supply Palace, who were previously backed by Virgin, with new computer systems and have also offered Steve Coppell, the manager, a lap-top computer to replace the pencil and notebook he uses for making notes during matches.

While Noades has pledged to continue strengthening the team, he will plough some of the cash into Selhurst Park. "Without a good ground, without good facilities, you cannot attract the interest and generate the money to build and keep a good team," he said.

☐ Brian Talbot, the former Arsenal and England international, has been appointed manager of Aldershot, who are bottom of the fourth division.

Promotion remains priority

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL by WALTER GAMMIE

STAN Allan, the Witton Albion manager, leaves no doubt where his club's priority lies as he prepares the team for the FA Trophy semi-final second leg at home to Kidderminster Harriers tomorrow. The HFS Loans League side goes into the match trailing to the 87th-minute goal scored by Mark Whitehouse last Saturday.

"People keep telling me what a good season we've had," Allan said. "My players have done ever so well, but until we've got the four points we need to win the *League*, we haven't done anything." Witton have set the pace all season and have eight matches to gain the four points needed to secure promotion to the GM Vauxhall Conference.

The first of those matches is at Horwich RMI on Monday; the next against Matlock Town next Saturday. The price of such a productive season is having to squeeze in two more cup matches between those vital league fixtures: Witton take a 2-1 first-leg advantage into a home semi-final against Bangor City in the HFS President's Cup on Tuesday, and travel to Southport for a Premier Inter-League Cup semi-final on Thursday. Witton have already reached the final of the Cheshire Senior Cup, in which they will play Macclesfield Town.

Understandably, however, the lure of Wembley lies uppermost in the minds of the supporters and some of the players, five of whom were with Colne Dynamoes when the now-defunct club lost in the Trophy semi-final to Barrow last year. Among them was Andrew Lee, who was sent off in the sixteenth minute of the match at Aggborough last Saturday after an off-the-ball incident which a linesman brought to the attention of the referee.

"Andy got too excited last Saturday," Allan said. "That's when you do things you wouldn't normally do." Allan's pragmatism again shines through as he says the aim tomorrow is to pull back the one-goal deficit. "I don't even mind if the tie goes to a replay but we've got to get that goal and I don't care whether we score it in the first minute or the ninetieth," he said. Nor will he be drawn into admitting he would prefer to face his former club, Altrincham, managed by his old team colleague, John King, in the final.

Altrincham trail 2-1 to Wycombe Wanderers going into the other semi-final second leg. The match will be played before an all-ticket crowd of 3,000. Altrincham were surprisingly held to a 0-0 draw at home by Fisher Athletic on Tuesday and lost their place at the head of the Conference to Colchester United, 2-1 winners over Welling United. Altrincham are a point behind but have two matches in hand.

GOLF

Down to earth approach pays off

From MEL WEBB
IN JERSEY

PETER McWhinney brought his compellingly simple philosophy about golf to the first round of the Jersey Open at La Moye yesterday, and it made him the man to chase after a round of 66, six under par.

McWhinney, aged 34, from Brisbane, is a big, bluff character who does not need the help of a bush hat with a row of corks dangling from the brim to convince anybody staring them down is a full-blooded Australian. He even likes cricket.

He is laconic to a fault, and never uses two words when one will do. For example, he reduces golf to a mere six words: "Hit it, chase it, find it." If that is not paring the whole thing to the bare bones, nothing is.

Although he is a cheerful sort of chap, it must be said that he is not the world's easiest man to interview. If a question is asked of him, it does not pay to lose concentration for a split second. If you do, you will probably miss the answer.

One of the biggest hitters on the PGA European Tour, he reduced the 502-yard 11th hole — his second — into a driver, a three-iron and a 15-foot putt. All into the wind. That gave him the taste for chasing the ball over the rolling fairways of La Moye, and he birdied the 16th, a par five, with a one-iron second shot and two putts from 12 feet.

Having reached the turn in 33, he came back in identical figures, helped by birdie putts of 35, 12 and ten feet at the 1st, 2nd and 9th holes.

Close behind McWhinney was Glen Day, a modest 25-year-old American with an Oklahoman accent you could winnow straw from. He had an eagle, four birdies and could have shared the lead but for three-putting the 16th from ten feet.

One of the minor talking points was the discovery of a wounded seagull by the third green, the victim, it was said, of a flying golf ball. A stretcher party from the RSPCA was whistled up, and the unfortunate creature was borne off.

Of more pressing importance was the suggestion that the clubhouse leader might have performed the dirty deed. "Not me," McWhinney said. "I've clouted kangaroos and wombats in my time. Never hit a seagull, though; I'm not that accurate." And this after a 66 — it must be nice to be that inaccurate.

EARLY LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 66: P McWhinney (Aus). 67: J Spence, G Day (US). 68: S Torrance. 69: J Rutledge (Can), C Moody, G Turner, A Charnley, P O'Malley (Aus), F Nobilo (NZ), D Gilford. 70: A Sorensen (Den), G J Turner (NZ), M Sunesson (Swe), W Grant, K Waters, J Hawkes (SA), P Way, C Parry (Aus), C Williams, R Chapman, D Prosser, J Heggarty. 71: R Boxall, D Smyth, P Baker, A Hare, M Poxon, P Carrigill, C Mason. 72: S Bowman (US), P Broadhurst, A Binaghi (It), I Mosey, M Lanner (Swe), J Hawksworth, M Thomas, P Walton, S Hamill, M Hoegberg (Swe), D Cooper, M Gates, M Davis, M McLean, A Saavedra (Arg).

IN BRIEF

Shelford's last game

WAYNE Shelford, the former All Blacks captain, makes his last appearance of the season for Northampton, the Pilkington Cup finalists, in the Courage League first division game at home to Nottingham tomorrow.

Shelford, who arrived in Northampton last October and played a key role in the Saints' progress to their first cup final, is returning to New Zealand.

CRICKET: Gladstone Small, the England fast bowler, will have a benefit in 1992 after ten years with Warwickshire.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: The sixth National Football League America Bowl is to be played at Wembley on July 28 between the Buffalo Bills and the Philadelphia Eagles.

RACKETS: James Male, the world rackets champion, and John Prenn, his partner, are favourites for the Lacoste British Open Doubles Championships which starts today at Queen's Club.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Bayern Munich 1, Red Star Belgrade 2.
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Barcelona 3, Juventus 1.
UEFA CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Brondby 0, AS Roma 0; Sporting Lisbon 0, Internazionale 0.
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Everton 1, Wimbledon 2; Leeds United 1, Manchester City 2; Norwich City 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1; Nottingham Forest 1, Derby County 0; Queen's Park Rangers 2, Aston Villa 1.
SECOND DIVISION: Brighton 1, West Ham United 0; Bristol Rovers 1, Ipswich 0; Leicester City 0, Oldham Athletic 0; Millwall 3, Charlton Athletic 1; Newcastle United 2, Oxford United 2; *Sheffield Wednesday 3, Blackburn Rovers 1*; West Bromwich Albion 1, Hull City 1.
FOURTH DIVISION: Torquay United 2, Cardiff City 1.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Boston 3, Merthyr 1.
B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Ayr United 1, Morton 1; Meadowbank Thistle 1, Kilmarnock 8. Second division: Stranraer 1, Dumbarton 4.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 1, Blackburn 4; Rotherham 4, Leeds 2; Sheffield United 3, Everton; Sunderland 0, Sheffield Wednesday 1. Second division: Grimsby 1, Port Vale 2; Middlesbrough 3, Stoke 2; Notts County 1, Scunthorpe 1.
LARCHIMAGE WINDOWS CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Hythe 0, Trowbridge 0 *(Hythe win 2-0 on aggregate)*.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 3, *Dover 2*; Weymouth 3, VS Rugby 0. *Southern division:* Canterbury 1, Hastings 3. Midland division: Barry 0, Bedworth 1; Corby 5, Sutton Coldfield 0; Leicester United 2, Dudley 2; Newport AFC 2, Spalding 0.
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor 4, Cliftonville 2; Ballymena 4, Coleraine 0; Crusaders 0, Ards 2; Distillery 2, Carrick 1; Glenavon 3, Omagh 0; Glentoran 1, Linfield 0; Larne 1, Ballyclare 1; Newry 1, Portadown 3. Leading positions (after 27 matches): 1, Portadown, 69pts; 2, Bangor, 55; 3, Glentoran 53 (Portadown champions).
FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Third round replay: Shamrock 1, Athlone 0.
WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Aldershot 0, Southend 3; Colchester 1, Wycombe 0; Slough 2, Cambridge 5; Wokingham 1, Wealdstone 0. President's Cup: Semi-final: Sutton United 1, Brentford 1 (aet).
MIDDLESEX BRIGG CUP FINAL: St Dominic's 0, Latymer 3.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Congleton 3, Workington 1; Whitley Bay 3, Alfreton 1.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham 1, Histon 2; *Lowestoft 1, Clacton 1.*
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 0, Saltash 0; Exmouth 4, Ottery St Mary 0; Liskeard 3, Dawlish 4. Les Phillips Cup: Semi-final: Ilfracombe 2, Taunton 0.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Murton 1, Alnwick 2; Peterlee 1, Gillingham 2; Seaham 2, Stockton 3; Tow Law 0, Gretna 5.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Phillies 8, New York Mets 7 (10 inns); Chicago Cubs 2, St Louis Cardinals 0; Pittsburgh Pirates 6, Montreal Expos 3; Cincinnati Reds 6, Houston Astros 5; Los Angeles Dodgers 6, Atlanta Braves 4; San Diego Padres 4, San Francisco Giants 3.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 4, Detroit Tigers 0; Kansas City Royals 1, Cleveland Indians 0; Chicago White Sox 2, Baltimore Orioles 0; Toronto Blue Jays 5, Boston Red Sox 3; Milwaukee Brewers 6, Texas Rangers 0; Minnesota Twins 4, Oakland A's 1; California Angels 5, Seattle Mariners 3.

BILLIARDS

SHEFFIELD: World Professional Championship: Qualifying round: H Nimmo (Scot) bt J Fitzmaurice (Eng), 1,399-630; J Murphy (Eng) bt D Rees (Eng) 1,408-787; R Edmonds (Eng) bt J Sinclair (Eng), 1,485-647; *R Foldvari (Aus) bt R Chapman (Eng)*, 1,443-470; G Sethi (Ind) leads M Kothari (Ind), 357-363; *D Heald (Eng) leads J Cavan (Scot)*, 467-466.

ICE HOCKEY

STANLEY CUP: Play-offs (best of seven series) Norris division: Minnesota North Stars 3, Chicago Blackhawks 1 *(teams level at 2-2)*. Detroit Red Wings 4, St Louis Blues 3 (Detroit lead 3-1). Smythe division: Los Angeles Kings 6, Vancouver Canucks 1 *(teams level at 2-2)*. Edmonton Oilers 5, Calgary Flames 2 (Edmonton lead 3-1).

SPEEDWAY

GOLD CUP: First division: Wimbledon 44, *Oxford 46.*
CHALLENGE MATCH: Long Eaton 44, Peterborough 45.

BASKETBALL

BARCELONA: European Cup (Women): Semi-finals: Cesena (It) 73, Sporting Athens 66; Arvika (Swe) 83, Elektrosila Leningrad 69.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 94, Detroit Pistons 90; Miami Heat 112, Washington Bullets 106; Philadelphia 76ers 100, New York Knicks 84; Chicago Bulls 101, Indiana Pacers 98; Portland Trail Blazers 105, San Antonio Spurs 100; Utah Jazz 97, Dallas Mavericks 91; Seattle SuperSonics 140, Los Angeles Clippers 108.

RUGBY UNION

CHALLENGE MATCH: London Irish 32, Oxbridge 7.
HEINEKEN WELSH LEAGUE: Premier division: Newbridge 12, Neath 7.
UNDER-21 DIVISIONAL MATCH (at Clifton): South and South-West 10, London 15.

CYCLING

TOUR OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY: Third stage (Vitoria – Ibardin, 188km): 1, C Chiappucci (It), 4:58.47; 2, M A Martinez (Sp), 4:58.25; 3, J L Laguia (Sp), 4:59.01; 4, J Bruyneel (Bel), 4:59.24; 5, V Gonzalo (Sp), 4:58.42; 6, I Gaston (Sp), 4:59.51; 7, M Lejarreta (Sp), 4:59.53; 8, C Criquielion (Bel); 9, E van Lancker (Bel); 10, I Ivanov (USSR), all same time. Overall: 1, Chiappucci, 13:07.45; 2, Martinez 1:38 min behind; 3, Laguia 2:14; 4, Bruyneel, 2:37; 5, Gonzalo, 2:55; 6, Gaston, 3:04; 7, P Ugrumov (USSR), 3:06; 8, S Roche (Ire); 9, van Lancker; 10, Lejarreta, all same time.

YACHTING

BOC SINGLE-HANDED ROUND THE WORLD RACE: Leading positions (at 10.33 GMT yesterday with miles to Newport Rhode Island): Class 1: 1, Group Sceta (Sea Auguin Fr), 3024 miles; 2, Generale Concorde (A Gautier Fr), 3087; 3, Credit Agricole IV (P Jeantot Fr), 3172; 4, Duracell (M Plant US), 3411; 5, Ecureuil d'Aquitaine (Y Parlier Fr), 3423; 6, Inn Keeper (D Adams Aus), 3446; 7, Grinaker (B Read SA), 3458; 8, Jarkan (K Birtles Aus), 3464; 9, Alba Regia (N Fa Hun), 3475; 10, BBV Expo 92 (J Ugarte Sp), 3492. Class 2: 1, Servant IV (Y Dupasquier Fr), 3564; 2, Buttercup (D McIntyre Aus), 3602; 3, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall GB), 3613; 4, Project City Kid (J Boye US), 3744; 5, Sebago (H Roth US), 4432. Corinthian class: 1, Global Exposure (R Davie GB), 3825; 2, Volcano (P Thackaberry US), 3880; 3, Shutendohji II (M Saito Jap), 4183.

GOLF

HIROSHIMA, Japan PGA Open tournament: 67 R Kawagishi, Y Kaneko, T Maruyama. 68 B Jones (Aus), T Watanabe, P Izumikawa, K Tomori, H Ueda, S Kawamata, M Kawasaua, S Okuda.
HALFORD HEWITT TOURNAMENT: First round: Deal: Marlborough bt Cranleigh, 5-0; Wrekin bt Winchester, 3-2; Sherborne bt Mill Hill, 3½-1½; Hurstpoint bt Canford, 3-2; Merchant Taylors' bt Bradfield, 3-2; Glenalmond bt Downside, 3-2; Tonbridge bt Loretto, 3-2; Watson's bt Cheltenham, 4-1; Fettes bt St Bees, 4-1; Lancing bt Uppingham, 3-2; Royal St George's: Bedford bt Stowe, 3-2; Shrewsbury bt St Paul's, 4-1; Oundle bt Stonyhurst, 3-2; King's, Canterbury bt Clifton, 3-2; Epsom bt Berkhamsted, 3½-1½; The Leys bt Trent, 3½-1½; Malvern bt Bishop's Stortford, 5-0; Harrow bt Brighton, 5-0.
FORMBY: Northern Women's Open Foursomes: Fourth round: P Hargreaves and D Vaux (Formby Ladies) bt D Thomas and F Glover (Formby Ladies), one hole; J McCusker and B Eyres (West Derby) bt R Bolton and M Platt (Worsley), 2 and 1; K Settle and L Abrahams (Formby Ladies) bt B Hilton and J Kerr (Worsley), 7 and 6; C Comboy and P Bridge (Delamere Forest) bt M Nathanson and E McKeown (Bromborough), 5 and 4; L Dermott (R Liverpool) and F Brown (Heswall) bt S Walmsley and G Sharp (Formby Ladies), 4 and 3; B Hill and L Wilson (Bolton) bt M Walmsley and M Dalton (Woodhall Hills), 3 and 1; M Hipkin and J Price (Wirral Ladies) bt M Gerrard and M Williams (R Liverpool), two holes; L Sell and W McHugh (Lindrick) bt J Roberts and B Lloyd (Wirral Ladies) 4 and 3. Fifth round: Hargreaves and Vaux bt McCusker and Eyres, one hole; Comboy and Bridge bt Settle and Abrahams, two holes; Dermott and Brown bt Hill and Wilson, 6 and 5; Hipkin and Price bt Sell and McHugh, two holes.

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Harare: Worcestershire 377 for 4 dec (G A Hick 81, D B D'Oliveira 81, P A Neale 66 not out, T A Curtis 56). Zimbabwe 157 (R K Illingworth 5 for 22) and 276 for 7 (A Flower 60). Drawn.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Rochdale 6, Wakefield 25. Second division: Carlisle 24, Doncaster 8; Dewsbury 20, Chorley 24; Fulham 28, Keighley 16; Halifax 24, Leigh 18; Huddersfield 20, Bramley 0; Trafford 12, Salford 40.

TENNIS

BARCELONA: Conde de Godo tournament: Singles: Second round: V Paloheimo (Fin) bt G Ivanisevic (Yug), 6-3, 6-4; J Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt M Rosset (Switz), 3-6, 6-4, 3-4 ret; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt R Furlan (It), 6-3, 6-1; S Bruguera (Sp) bt C U Steeb (Ger), 6-4, 6-1; A Rahunen (Fin) bt K Novacek (Cz), 0-6, 6-2, 6-2; F Clavet (Sp) bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-0, 6-1; B Becker (Ger) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr), 7-5, 6-1; G Perez Roldan (Arg) bt G Lopez (Sp), 7-5, 1-6, 6-4; E Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt D Perez (Uru), 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; *M Jaite (Arg) bt J Svensson (Swe)*, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2; A Agassi (US) bt G Prpic (Yug), 6-7, 6-4, 7-5; J Arrese (Sp) bt G Forget (Fr), 2-6, 6-3, 7-5. Third round: A Chesnokov (USSR) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 5-7, 7-5, 6-4; M Jaite (Arg) bt M Gustafsson (Swe), 6-3, 0-6, 7-5; V Paloheimo (Fin) bt F Clavet (Sp), 6-3, 6-4; S Bruguera (Sp) bt B Becker (Ger), 6-2, 6-4; G Perez Roldan (Arg) bt M Filippini (Uru), 6-1, 6-0.

TOKYO: Japan Open championships: Men: Third round: S Edberg (Swe) bt J Connors (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-1; M Chang (US) bt D Pate (US), 6-4, 7-6; J Courier (US) bt D Goldie (US), 6-3, 6-4; M Stich (Ger) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 7-6, 6-2; J Hlasek (Switz) bt A Mronz (Ger), 6-1, 6-7, 7-5. Women: Quarter-finals: L Gildemeister (Peru) bt K Okamoto (Japan), 6-4, 6-4; L McNeil (US) bt A Frazier (US), 6-3, 6-3; S Appelmans (Bel) bt M Werdel (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; R Hiraki (Japan) bt E Sviglerova (Cz), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: Women's tournament: Second round: Z Garrison (US) bt L Garrone (It), 7-6, 6-3; A Kanellopoulou (Gr) bt S Frankl (Ger), 6-0, 6-2; B Schultz (Neth) bt S Cecchini (It), 6-3, 6-0; L Meskhi (USSR) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-0, 6-0; T Whitlinger (US) bt B Fulco (Arg), 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; *H Cioffi (US)* bt R Zrubakova (Cz), 6-2, 6-4; L Spadea (US) bt C Kuhlman (Ger), 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; B-N Zvereva (USSR) bt J Emmons (US), 6-1, 6-2; P Fendick (US) bt P Tarabini (Arg), 6-3, 0-6, 6-1; G Helgeson (US) bt C Kohde-Kilsch (Ger), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4. Third round: S Graf (Ger) bt I Cueto (Ger), 6-1, 6-1.

BOWLS

MELTON MOWBRAY: English Indoor National Championships: Pairs quarter-finals: Dolphin, Poole (C Martin, A Tidby) bt Oyster, Whitstable (A Comfoot, D Holmes), 18-17; Cyphers, Beckenham (G Smith, A Thomson) bt Park Hall, Hereford (J Wear, R Weale), 26-15; Coventry (M Henley, E Over) bt North Avon (D Stewart, M Marsden), 25-19; Gateshead (T Scott, D Webb) bt North Walsham (A Cutting, M Christmas), 27-18.

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Writing on the wall for Lyle Masters hopes

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Augusta

IT MIGHT be too soon to start writing off Sandy Lyle's career but not his chances of winning the 55th Masters, which began here yesterday on the Augusta National course.

Lyle looked a forlorn figure yesterday throughout a first round of 77 as the Americans, Lanny Wadkins and Jim Gallagher, established the lead on 67. Bernhard Langer was also in contention following a 71 which was full of incident. The German had five birdies in his last six holes and an eight at the 15th.

There was a chill in the early morning air but only the hint of a breeze. Lyle, however, took little advantage. His striking from tee to green was acceptable but his putting lacked authority.

Not even the knowledge that Nick Faldo, who was out later, won the title in 1989 despite taking 77 in one round or the fact that Curtis Strange began with an 80 in 1985 when he finished runner-up could revive Lyle's spirits.

"I'm not thinking about winning, only about survival," Lyle, the 1988 Masters champion, said. "I need something to spur me on."

Lyle made a healthy start. He followed a conventional par at the first with a birdie at the second where he got up and down from a greenside bunker. He struck a huge tee shot at the third, more than 80 yards past his playing partner, Ted Shultz, but his pitch deviated from the target line. The ball finished just off the green from where he putted close.

There was little wrong, too, with his tee shot at the short fourth. He hit it so that the ball covered the flag-stick all the way. It finished 15 feet beyond and above the hole. Lyle was faced with a delicate putt which he set off too quickly. He watched in despair as the ball rolled nine feet past the hole. He never looked like holing the return.

Lyle took three putts again at the fifth, stroking the first attempt from 22 feet some four feet past. A poor second shot finished in a bunker at the seventh and at the next he took four to get down, including three putts, from little more than 40 yards short.

Out in 39, Lyle again took three putts at the 11th. David Leadbetter, Faldo's teacher, has been helping Lyle. He expressed the feeling that Lyle had been working so hard on his long game that his loss of touch on the greens was neglect rather than any else. Even so Lyle had placed himself under pressure at the 11th where his drive was long. He allowed his approach to leak to the right which left him 40 feet away.

The 12th is capable of bemusing a player even when he is on top of his game. Ken Green arrived on the tee at four under par and he took six. He hit his tee shot into the water, dropped and put his next into a bunker. Lyle was next on the tee and he pulled the ball into a bush at the back. He chipped out backhanded, fluffed a chip and then holed a putt of 16 feet to salvage a four.

It was the last shot he would drop although he did well to save his par at the last with a delicate chip. Lyle, shaking his head in despair, said: "There is no rhythm. What can I do?"

Langer entered the tournament optimistic that he could regain the title he won in 1985. He had followed a birdie at the 13th, where he was on the green in two, with another from six feet at the 14th. Then he put two balls in the water for an eight at the 15th. Yet he finished with three successive birdies. He hit a seven iron to ten feet at the 16th and holed from 35 feet at the next and five at the 18th, which he approached with a five iron. "I probably wouldn't have finished like that if I hadn't got so mad at the 15th," Langer said.

Wadkins has won 20 tournaments since he turned professional in 1971. He has, however, failed to fulfill the potential he showed in 1977 when he won the US PGA Championship. Wadkins, aged 41, is well aware that his hopes of winning another major are reducing with the years.

He was surprised, too, to discover he had been put in the first group on the course. He is a quick player at the best of times so with a clear course ahead of him, he took full advantage. His partner, Jodie Mudd, politely asked Wadkins, at the 11th, if they might slow down a touch. The two had played the outward nine in one hour and 30 minutes and they completed the round in three hours 25 minutes.

Wadkins enjoyed a wonderful time on the greens which, as usual, were much quicker than during the practice rounds. He had 11 single putts although not one longer than 15 feet. If he drove the ball indifferently then he had no reason to be concerned about his iron shots. He missed only one which was a five iron to the 11th green which led to him dropping one of his two shots. In all Wadkins had seven birdies, whereas Gallacher had five.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	400	4	10	485	4
2	555	5	11	455	4
3	360	4	12	155	3
4	205	3	13	485	5
5	435	4	14	405	4
6	180	3	15	500	5
7	360	4	16	170	3
8	535	5	17	400	4
9	435	4	18	405	4
Out	3,465	36	In	3,440	36

Total yardage: 6,905 Par: 72

EARLY FIRST ROUND SCORES

67: L Wadkins, J Gallagher jnr.
70: J Mudd, T Aaron, K Green.
71: T Kite, B Langer (Ger), J Sluman, L Trevino, M Zerman (SA).
72: T Sieckmann, L Roberts, S Hoch, G Player (SA), P Azinger.
73: T Simpson, J Huston.
74: T Schulz, T Sieckmann.
75: J Inman.
77: B Casper, C Coody, A Lyle (GB), G Morgan.
78: F Minoza (Phil), J Benepe, G Brewer jnr, B Tennyson.
90: D Ford

* Denotes amateur

☐ In total, there are 18 former Masters champions in the field. They are: Tommy Aaron, George Archer, Severiano Ballesteros, Gay Brewer, Billy Casper, Charles Coody, Ben Crenshaw, Nick Faldo, Raymond Floyd, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle, Larry Mize, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Craig Stadler, Tom Watson and Fuzzy Zoeller.

In a hole: Sandy Lyle's title hopes take a beating in the bunker at the Masters

Strange happenings on course

AUGUSTA, Georgia (AP) — If the strange things that have been happening on the USPGA Tour this year are any indication, the Masters may see some strange occurrences.

The first of the year's four major championships, the Masters is perhaps the most staid and tradition-conscious of all, yet so far this season has seen a series of breaks with tradition. Take, for example, left-handers. There are not many of them at the top level. And their victories are rare as those by amateurs playing among the professionals. So far this season has produced a left-handed winner, and a left-handed amateur at that.

Phil Mickelson, a college student who plays from the wrong side of the ball, became only the second amateur in 37 years to score an official PGA Tour victory when he won at Tucson.

He is in the Masters field, as is Rocco Mediate, another first-time winner. He won his way into the event with a 49-inch-long putter more commonly favoured on the Seniors Tour.

Hal Sutton, one of the leading American golfers of the last decade, is not in the field but he might just have done enough to earn an invitation had it not been for a ball that defied gravity at Tucson.

Sutton's shot from off the green would have given him an eagle had it gone in the hole. But it did not. Instead it embedded itself in the turf above the cup. More than half of it was hanging over the hole; more than half was below ground level.

But the rules say the ball must be entirely within the circumference of the hole and entirely below ground, so Sutton had to repair the cup, place the ball on the edge and tap in for a birdie. He said: "First time I ever shot 64 and wasn't happy about it."

In the Doral Open at Miami, Paul Azinger unconsciously scraped his left foot and moved some rock or coral while taking his stance in a hazard during the first round. He played out and made par on the hole.

The following day, however, a sharp-eyed viewer saw a tape of the incident on television and noted an infraction of the rules. Azinger was disqualified.

As a result, the US PGA Tour decided to station a rules official beside a television set to monitor action and, possibly, spot infractions and assess immediate penalties.

☐ The chairman of Augusta National Golf Club, Hord Hardin, has promised that the club is to accept more members from ethnic minorities. He said there is no set timetable but the club will have more minority members in the future.

The lack of minority members in golf and country clubs became an issue last summer when blacks threatened to demonstrate outside Shoal Creek near Birmingham, Alabama, where the PGA Championship was to be played.

Civil rights groups only called off plans to boycott after Shoal Creek accepted a black player as an honorary member of the club as a result of the controversy.

Biennial championships in prospect

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

IT SEEMS increasingly probable that the world athletic championships, held every four years, will be staged biennially after this year. Helmut Meyer, the German Athletic Association (DLV) president, said yesterday that he had overwhelming support within the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) for the change.

"The situation is that 22 of the 23 council members of the IAAF have spoken for bringing forward the 1995 championships," Meyer said. Provided the council votes that way in May, and the congress agrees in August to amend the rulebook to permit biennial championships, the next world championships after this year's would be in 1993.

Primo Nebiolo, the IAAF president, has long been in favour of the idea and, at the world cross country championships last month, received an encouraging reaction when he put it to those council members who were present.

The championships have been hugely successful since their inauguration in Helsinki in 1983. They then went to Rome in 1987 and are in Tokyo this summer. Only Stuttgart and Gothenburg have applied to host the 1995 championships and, in the event of championships in 1993, both could be accommodated.

"I don't think any official statement from the IAAF will be forthcoming until after the council meeting," John Holt, the IAAF secretary, said yesterday. "We have a constitution which says that the championships must be held every four years in the pre-Olympic year and, unless the congress changes it, that must stay."

The woman with the game's equality at heart

By Laura Thompson

ANNIE Bassett, the highest-achieving woman in the world of football administration, took up a new post as general manager of the Football League services division last week.

Previously marketing executive at Reading FC, then chief executive at Birmingham City, Bassett is not slipping into recently-vacated football boots. Along with Jeremy Morris, managing director, she is heading an entirely new set-up, an offshoot of the Football League commercial department.

The head of this division, Trevor Philips, has had what Bassett calls "the vision" to institute a proper services division within three floors of pristine office space in Witney, Oxfordshire.

With her background in sports marketing and her subsequent work in football, Bassett is the ideal person to inaugurate this advisory service, to which all 92 league clubs can apply for help in getting better terms on their commercial transactions. This is the basic purpose of the Football League services division, to have football running itself in the more businesslike way appropriate to these demanding times.

The most immediate area in which help will be sought is in the massive, problematical switch to all-seat stadiums. The services division introduced itself to the clubs by sending them a questionnaire which asked them how far down the road to all-seaterdom they had travelled. Teams from all divisions are now responding to this kindly new body which will soothe their brow, hold their hand and help them with the nasty tasks of getting quotations, bulk-buying seats, consulting with builders and so forth.

They can also advise on stationery, advertising, marketing spin-offs, ground maintenance — "Have you ever thought about bulk-buying water?" Bassett asks me (only crates of Perrier). Previously, clubs had to handle all this themselves, some presumably more efficiently than others; might the Spur-Hummel fiasco have been avoided if somebody somewhere had come along and given better advice? But there will be no interference. Bassett is a great believer in the power of football to unite a community and would never, for example, dream of advising against using small local contractors.

Football, she says, is "steeped in tradition" but this services division is a step in the new direction which the game must follow, that of "upgrading its image", being more businesslike, training not just players but personnel to do an efficient job, setting up club membership schemes, getting respectable.

Bassett is "excited but a bit apprehensive — there is so much to do". Not least reconciling the image of Football, The Business with that of Football, The Working Man's Sport.

Bassett: wants to help the image

Uefa urged to switch venue for cup final

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

THE question is not whether Manchester United will compete for the Cup Winners' Cup on May 15, but where they will be playing. The final is scheduled to be held in Rotterdam, but Uefa, European football's governing body, will be urged to consider a more suitable alternative, such as Bari.

The futuristic arena, where England were beaten by Italy in the third place play-off in the World Cup last summer, is to stage the final of the European Cup on May 29. Les Walker, the Football Association's head of security, will suggest that the venues should be switched.

As he flew back from Poland on Wednesday night, Walker explained the reasons behind the simple and logical plan. Unless Uefa is willing to co-operate, England's return to European competition after an absence of five years could end amid civil disturbances which could prompt calls for an even longer ban to be imposed.

The mixture of thousands of English, Dutch and either Spanish or especially Italian supporters, could be as explosive as a warehouse full of dynamite. "There is such a pent-up desire among the fans in England because we've been out of Europe for so long," Walker said. "And United have the biggest average gates in the country.

"We still have this reputation as the aggro champions of world football and we are aware that, no matter how well English fans behave, they can be provoked or intimidated. We call it 'the fastest gun in the west syndrome.' Somebody always tries to shoot down the top gun.

"That is why we had such a heavy cordon of security men around all of the United fans in Poland. If Juventus are in the final, that would be even more of a concern because the occasion would be charged with such high emotion.

"They would be back in a final against an English team for the first time since the balloon went up at the Heysel Stadium in 1985." Juventus then became the European champions by beating Liverpool, but their triumph was overshadowed by the tragic events on the terraces.

Everton had earlier won the Cup Winners' Cup in Rotterdam, but United are unlikely to attempt to reclaim the trophy on the same ground. Walker is urgently to consult Robert Bakker, his Dutch counterpart, as well as Uefa, and will point out that the capacity at Feyenoord is only 50,000. Almost as many spectators regularly assemble for comparatively mundane fixtures at Old Trafford. Add the numerous followers of either Barcelona (who, like United, hold a 3-1 lead from the first leg) or Juventus, and it is clear that only a fraction of the potential audience could be safely and securely accommodated.

"We are going to take immediate steps to pursue this matter," Walker said. "We don't have to be presumptuous because it looks almost certain that United will be in the final. A good thing about the result in Warsaw is that it gives us more time to complete the preparatory work."

Walker has been disturbed by the state of the grounds visited so far by United. Legia, Warsaw's decayed and crumbling home on the outskirts of the city, was surrounded by objects which could have been used as lethal missiles. The environs of Montpellier's renovated arena were also littered with bricks.

The behaviour of United's supporters has bordered on the exemplary, but they have yet genuinely to be provoked or intimidated. The progress of Alex Ferguson's side, which continues to make supposedly talented opponents look no higher than second-rate, has been no less troublesome.

So emphatic was their victory that Ferguson can conveniently afford to rest Ince, who would be suspended from the final if he was booked in the return fixture against the Poles.

The replacement is not bad. Robson, having served his one-match sentence, is available to resume as captain.

United's manager can also continue to protect Sharpe, the most precocious youngster in the country. The left winger, aged 19, who has been treated carefully throughout his glorious season, will almost certainly not stretch his legs again until the Rumbelows Cup final against Sheffield Wednesday on Sunday week.

League enquiry into FA plans

By Clive White

FOOTBALL League officers have been instructed to investigate fully the proposals by the Football Association for a premier league and to discover what implications they have for the 92 members of the 103-year-old league.

Such a request may not be easy to satisfy, since the FA have refused the League access to the *Blueprint for Football*, the document drawn up by Graham Kelly, its chief executive, in which the plan for a new premier league has been put forward.

The League management committee meeting in London yesterday devoted only 15 minutes of their four-hour discussion to the FA plans, which they said had been introduced in an "underhand" way. The League has called off its pending extraordinary general meeting and plan to hold regional meetings, starting next week.

"There were attempts at forming a breakaway league in 1986 and 1988 and they came to nothing," Bill Fox, the League president, said. "There is by no means any guarantee this will be any different. We already have a super league in existence, anyway. It is called the first division and that will be in place in the years to come."

The Football Supporters' Association (PFA) is calling for a united front to defeat the FA proposals. Craig Brewin, the chairman, described them as "devisive and ultimately disastrous", and said the League, the FSA and the PFA, he said, should act together and launch a united campaign.

Ron Noades, the Crystal Palace chairman, refuted that a premier league would give England's international players a greater opportunity to prepare for the national team.

Noades said that when he advocated a return to a 22-member first division last year, only two first division clubs voted against it — Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur. "And Irving Scholar, the Tottenham chairman, only made his decision after tossing a coin."

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